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Viceroy's Counter-Blast To League Demand

"Implement Jinnah's Appeal By Calling Off Agitation"

Caroe's Offensive Against Khan Sahib Misfires

Frontier Ministry With Backing Of Majority Cannot Be Sacked

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, April 18.

At the Viceregal House Conference on Frontier situation today, Sir Olaf Caroe the Governor is believed to have suggested the dismissal of the Frontier ministry and the introduction of Sec. 93 rule in the province pending restoration of peace and holding of General Elections. But it was pointed out to him that the Frontier Government was established by the consent of majority, and that so long as it enjoyed the confidence of the majority it could not be ousted or sacked. It was further pointed out that there were other ministries in similar plight, such as the Suhrawardy Ministry in Bengal.

Lord Mountbatten, it is stated, will ask League members to implement their Leader Mr. Jinnah's appeal by calling off their movements through their Committee of Action which will be meeting here next week.

Pt. Nehru and Dr. Khan Saheb left Delhi by air in the same plane after the conference.

Provincial Governors met the Viceroy at New Delhi during the week. Lord Mountbatten is seen in the centre.

Viceregal House Talks On Frontier Situation

NEW DELHI, April 18 (A.P.I.): His Excellency the Viceroy held a meeting at Viceroy's House this morning to consider the situation in the North-West Frontier Province says a press 'communique.'

There were present:—Pandit Nehru Member for External Affairs, Sir Olaf Caroe, Governor of the North-West Frontier Province, and Dr. Khan Sahib, Premier of the North-West Frontier Province.

Discussions were held in the light of the Gandhi-Jinnah appeal, and conclusions were reached in order to give effect to them in the North-West Frontier Province.

"LEAGUE AGITATION MUST BE ENDED"

NEW DELHI, April 18 (A.P.I.): Political quarters in Delhi attach considerable signficance to today's Conference at the Viceroy's House to consider the situation in the Frontier Province. The Premier Dr. Khan Sahib arrived here this morning in response to an urgent summons sent after prolonged discussions between the Viceroy and Pandit Nehru whose department is in charge of tribal affairs, and Sir Olaf Caroe, the Governor of the Province.

Speculation on today's Conference swung from resort to such steps as a dissolution of the Frontier Assembly as demanded by the League to the formation of a Coalition Government and a top level Conference to meet the present lawlessness in the province.

In this connection it is learned, certain Congress leaders represented that as a corollary to the Gandhi-Jinnah peace appeal, the League agitation in the Frontier should be ended.

A reference in today's 'communique' on the Conference stating that "Discussions were held in the light of the Gandhi-Jinnah appeal and conclusions were reached in order to give effect to it in the province", is indicative of some important step to be announced shortly according to political circles. Dr. Khan Sahib after the Conference lunched with the Viceroy and left for Peshawar. He will confer with his colleagues on his return to Peshawar and it is considered possible that a communique may be issued from Peshawar.

TRIBAL AREAS

Another question believed to have been discussed relates to the Tribal areas. The Frontier Ministry, both present and past, had pressed for handing over to the Ministry the administration of those areas which at present is the exclusive responsibility of the Governor.

According to reports current here, it has been tentatively decided that in the discharge of his responsibilities in the Tribal Areas, the Governor would seek the consent and co-operation of the Ministry. In so far as the immediate problem is concerned, namely, the maintenance of Law and Order and the difficulties created by the incursion of tribesmen in the settled areas, it is understood the Interim Government has promised the Frontier Ministry all possible co-operation and help. Meanwhile the Frontier Ministry, it is understood, will take certain steps to ease the tension and to help to restore normal conditions expeditiously.

Frontier Ministers Confer With Badshah Khan

PESHAWAR, April 18 (A.P.I.): The Frontier Governor and Dr. Khan Sahib, Premier, N.W.F.P. returned to Peshawar this evening from New Delhi.

Dr. Khan Sahib on his return met his Cabinet colleagues and later all of them went to Khan Abdul Ghaffar Ghan, who is staying with the Education Minister. They are still in conference, which has lasted about two hours now.

The conference lasted about two and a half hours. It is expected that the discussions will be resumed tomorrow morning.

SIKH LEADERS MEET VICEROY

Demand Division Of Punjab As Lasting Solution Of Communal Problem

NEW DELHI, April 18 (API).—Master Tara Singh, Sardar Baldev Singh and Giani Kartar Singh, Sikh leaders, had an hour and three-quarters interview with the Viceroy Lord Mountbatten this evening and presented to him the Sikh point of view.

It is understood that the Sikh leaders demanded a division of the Punjab upto the River Chenab as its boundary as a lasting solution to the communal problem. In the drafting of the Constitution, it is learned the Sikh leaders urged that the Sikhs should be given the same veto powers in respect of questions affecting Sikh interests even as was recognised for the Muslims.

It is believed that the leaders also discussed the present situation in the Punjab and urged for a substantial increase in the percentage of Sikh personnel in the police force.

It is understood that Master Tara Singh will see Lord Ismay, Adviser to the Viceroy, tomorrow.

Indian Delegation For Sterling Talks

(From Our Correspondent.)
NEW DELHI, April 18.

Railway Member Doctor John Mathai will accompany Finance Member Mr. Liaquat Alikhan to London when the latter goes out to negotiate settlement of sterling balances in the middle of next month.

Finance Secretary, Mr. Narharirao, Reserve Bank Governor, Sir C. Deshmukh, Mr. B. K. Nehru. Mr. Keath Roy and Mr. Mohammedali will be among officials who will accompany Mr. Liaquat and Dr. Mathai to London.

There will be a few non-officials including Manu Subedar.

Khan Sahib's Assurance To Deputation

NEW DELHI, April 18 (U.P.I.): A deputation of the people of Dera Ismail Khan living in Delhi waited upon Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Dr. Khan Sahib, the Frontier Premier, today. The deputationists are understood to have demanded the removal of the present Governor of the N. W. F. Province.

Dr. Khan Sahib is reported to have told the deputationists that strict measures were taken to cope with the situation. The situation in Dera Ismail Khan City was brought under control, but the condition in the villages was causing anxiety. Most of the miscreants, the Frontier Premier is reported to have said are seasonal traders from Kabul.

Definition Of Powers For Indian Union

Proposal Of State Bank And Supreme Court: Units Urged to Surrender Some Subjects For Uniformity Of Legislation

NEW DELHI, April 18 (API).—The Union Powers Committee's report which was signed last night, it is learned, conforms strictly to the provisions of the State Paper but has made certain recommendations for the exercise of concurrent authority, subject to the consent of the Units concerned, relating to a few subjects and has further recommended that some items relating to trade and commerce should be voluntarily made over to the Union by the Units in the interests of uniformity and co-ordination.

RAISING FINANCES

On the question of raising finances for the three departments, Defence, Foreign Affairs and Communications, it is understood the Committee has decided to include direct taxation, but here again, it had to compromise in so far as the States are concerned. It is believed the Committee has recommended, having regard to the tax structure and the general economic set up of the States and also having regard to the fact that the States in general are not economically on a par with Provinces, that for a specified period special arrangements should be entered into with the States whereby they would be granted exemption.

SUPREME COURT & STATE BANK

It has been decided to have a Supreme Court for the Union as well as a State Bank. These two institutions, though not referred to in the State Paper, it is pointed out, flow from the inherent power of the Union because a sovereign State should have its own judiciary and currency.

SUBJECTS LISTED

The subjects listed, it is understood, are the obvious ones connected with defence, foreign affairs and communications. They include such items as the armed forces, navy, harbours and lighthouses; airforce, aircraft, aerodromes and aviation in general; fire arms and ammunition subject to a citizen's right to bear arms in accordance with the law to be enacted: relations with foreign countries: implementing of treaties and agreements with alien powers: extradition: naturalisation: immigration and emmigration: duties of customs including export duties: taxes on income other than agricultural income: railways, certain strategic waterways, telegraphs, telephones, wireless, broadcasting and other like services.

SUBJECTS CONTROLLED AT CENTRE

Certain subjects which, it has been recommended the Units should voluntarily give up to the Centre relate to legislation on banking, insurance and general laws governing trade. It is pointed out that this was desirable for the purpose of uniformity of law without which inter-provincial normal trade transactions would be extremely difficult.

The recommended concurrent list deals with some of the subjects provided for in the present Government of India Act. They pertain to such items as the Criminal and Civil Procedure Codes, evidence laws, marriages, arbitration, etc.

The Report of the Committee is expected to be released in the next few days.

MAKING AUSTRIA "PUPPET STATE"

Marshall Charges Molotov On German Assets Issue

MOSCOW, April 18 (APA).—U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall charged Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov tonight with trying to create "a puppet state" of Austria after Molotov rejected an American compromise on the all-important definition of German assets.

Bitter exchanges between Marshall and British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin on one side, and Molotov on the other, appeared to doom the slim hope for an Austrian treaty emerging from the Moscow conference, with French Foreign Minister commenting, "It is clear no agreement has been reached on this article (German assets) and the results of this discussion has not helped our work."

SARDAR'S ASSURANCE TO EDITORS' CONFERENCE

Govt. Will Do Its Best To Lighten 'Burden Of Their Responsibility & Duty'

MADRAS, April 18 (API): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Member, Interim Government, in his message to the A.I.N.E.C. stated:—

"The All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, this year, is meeting at a very critical and epoch-making period of the history of our country. It has, therefore, unusual importance, in educating and moulding public opinion editors have, in normal times, a responsible task and a sacred duty. That responsibility and sacredness of obligation need greater emphasis and attention at the present time of disturbed conditions in the country and of political transition. Without the wholehearted and single-minded co-operation of the press neither political stability nor the restoration of peaceful conditions can be easily achieved.

GOVERNMENT AND PRESS

"The relations between the Government and the Press must, therefore, be based on the principle of mutual help and co-operation I am sure the deliberations of the Conference will be guided by this principle and I wish to assure the Conference that the Government, on its part, will do its best to lighten the burden of your responsibility and duty.

"Ever since I assumed office, I have conceived my relationship with the Press in this spirit and I am happy to say that the press has enjoyed in my administration a liberty which it never did before. Even when on account of communally poisoned atmosphere, we have had to resort in a limited sphere of special powers, we have relied more on the co-operation of the Press and have refrained as far as possible from using such powers.

PRESS LAWS COMMITTEE

"I hope that the deliberations of the Press Laws Committee recently appointed by Government which started functioning the other day will soon lead to a reduction in the statutory limitations placed on the activities of the Press during the last 80 years of its fight for freedom. I would, however, appeal to you to so guide your conference as to ensure that the loosening of the chains is not attended by over-enthusiastic reactions and that the liberty which the Press has achieved or will achieve is exercised with correspondingly increased sense of responsibility, sobriety and judgment."

EDITORS' CONFERENCE SESSION OPENS

MADRAS, April 18 (API): The Sixth Session of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference met in the Banqueting Hall at the Government House under the presidentship of Mr. Devadas Gandhi. About 200 delegates and a large number of visitors including the Prime Minister Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar and the Ministers for Education and Publicity were present.

The Conference opened with an address by Mr. A. A. Hayles, Chairman of the Reception Committee followed by a speech by the retiring President Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, whereafter Mr. Devadas Gandhi delivered his presidential address.

The Conference then appointed a Subjects Committee to frame resolutions for the plenary session and adjourned.

The Subjects Committee meets at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

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15 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

KHARTOUM, April 18 (Reuter): Fifteen persons were killed in a South African Air Force 'Ventura' which crashed about 40 miles southwest of Khartoum.

Arson And Murder In Many Frontier Towns

TROUBLE SPREADS TO RURAL AREAS IN D. I. KHAN; FATAL STABBINGS IN DELHI AND AMRITSAR

PESHAWAR, April 18, (A.P.I.): According to an unofficial report received from Tank today about 50 shops have been burnt, three persons killed and three injured. The situation is now under control.

The village of Gumal Bazar near Tank was raided last night by some unknown persons.

Trouble is also reported to have spread in rural areas north and south of Dera Ismail Khan, where looting and rioting is reported from some villages in the jurisdiction of Paharpur and Paroha police station.

One person was fatally stabbed this morning in Peshawar near the Cunningham Park.

FRONTIER GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE

PESHAWAR, April 18 (API): The Frontier Government issued the following communique at 9-45 p.m. this evening on the situation in the province:

Disturbances continue in D. I. Khan district. The situation is serious in the town of Tank where upto midday to-day troops had inflicted over 30 casualties in enforcing the curfew. Looting and burning has been extensive and several civilians have been killed.

Other disturbed places in the district are:—

Gomal Bazar: Tribesmen raided the village last night.

Paharpur: Thirty-two shops and 60 houses burnt.

Kotjal: Twelve shops burnt one person wounded.

Kotla: Ten houses and shops burnt, three women killed and one wounded.

CONVERTED TO ISLAM

Kirri Khalsor: Thirty persons possibly converted to Islam.

Muzal Zai: About 25 shops burnt one killed, one wounded.

Gandi Umar Khan: Arson is reported but details are lacking.

Jatta Jalwa: Ten houses and five shops burnt.

Situation is under control in D. I. Khan town. Latest casualty figures are 16 dead and 48 wounded. It is estimated that in fires which were started on Tuesday about 900 shops have been destroyed.

Casualties at Baroa now total four dead.

RAILWAY LINE DAMAGED: RIOT IN JAIL

Railway line near Peshawar was damaged by a bomb this morning but has been repaired. There was minor riot in Haripura Jail yesterday.

The Superintendent of Police, Hazara with military and frontier constabulary visited Malachha village on 16th and 17th April and recovered considerable property from the debris of burnt houses. Human remains were also found.

ADJOURNMENT IN BENGAL ASSEMBLY

Alleged Assault On Women By Police

CALCUTTA, April 18 (API): The Bengal Legislative Assembly will discuss on Tuesday next on an adjournment motion, the alleged "assault on innocent citizens, including molestation of women by the Calcutta police such as in a house on Harrison Road on the night of April 14."

A motion to this effect, sponsored by the Congress Party in Opposition, was admitted by the Speaker, when

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NO "INVASION" OF BERAR

Nizam's Govt. Says Claims On Province Are Not Such As To Permit Discussion

HYDERABAD (Deccan), April 18 (API): The allegation that H. E. H. the Nizam proposes to "invade" Berar appearing in certain newspapers is described as "absurd" in a press note issued to-day.

The Press Note says: "Efforts are being made to excite public opinion by slogans like 'annexation of Berar means extinction of Maharashtra.' Resolutions of protests against alleged intention to invade Berar are being flashed on front pages and reference has been made to baseless rumours to the effect that the Hyderabad Army is being trained for this 'invasion' and that a plan of campaign is being prepared and that arms are being purchased for this purpose. To make these allegations look real, points of military strategy have been discussed in a factual manner.

H. E. H. the Nizam's Government desire to state that apart from these allegations being on the face of them absurd, relations of H. E. H. the Nizam's Government with the Government of the Central Provinces and Berar are of the friendliest nature. Claims of H. E. H. the Nizam's Government with regard to the future of Berar are not such as to permit discussion. Except on the highest constitutional level and attempts such as those referred to above, to fabricate news, which are so obviously sensational can only be regarded as an effort to prejudice such discussion."

MIRZA ISMAIL INVITES BIYANI

AKOLA, April 18. (U.P.I.): It is learnt here that the Hon'ble Mr. Brijlal Biyani, President of the Vidharbha Provincial Congress Committee, has been invited by Sir Mirza Ismail, President of Nizam's Executive Council, to discuss with him the Berar question at Hyderabad (Dn.)

The Congress leader is understood to have intimated to him that he will take his decision in this connection after the Berar All-Parties Conference which is to be held here on April 20.

NANKING, April 18 (Reuter): After three days heavy fighting, Chinese National (Government) forces repulsed attacks by troops under the command of Communist Gen. Liu Po-Cheng, which were renewed against the railway town of Tangyin on the Peiping-Hankow railway press despatches stated today.

SINO-PHILIPPINES PACT SIGNED

MANILA, April 18 (Reuter): A treaty of friendship between China and the Philippines was signed today by President Manuel Roxas and Chen Chih-Ping, the Chinese Minister. The text of the treaty will be released on Monday.

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WHY NOT GENERAL TURNOVER TAX?

Majority Recommendation By Bombay Sales Tax Enquiry Committee

BOMBAY, Friday.

Adoption of a general turn over tax such as is being levied in Madras, instead of the single-point system now in force in Bombay, is recommended by the majority of the Bombay Sales Tax Enquiry Committee in their report just released, the only dissentient being Mr. Mahomed Hussein Hasham Premji.

LIABILITY TO TAX

The liability to tax, the committee suggest, may be defined by compelling all dealers with a gross annual turnover exceeding Rs. 10,000 to register.

For a turnover in a year upto Rs. 20,000 the tax should be laid at flat rates as under:

Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 15,000—Rs. 8 per month.

Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 20,000—Rs. 12 per month.

For a turnover exceeding Rs. 20,000, the tax should be at the rate of 1 p.c. of taxable turnover.

PANACEA FOR ALL COMPLAINTS

All complaints regarding elaborate accounts put forward by traders, as also complaints regarding harassment of dealers by officers, the Committee hope, are likely to diminish by the adoption of general turnover taxation.

The Committee in their report state:

Under the Bombay Sales Tax Act, 1946, the tax is levied at the rate of half anna per rupee. The levy at a single-point is ensured by a system of registration. Sales between registered dealers for resale are exempt. Similarly sales to registered manufacturers of articles used in the manufacture of goods for sale and to addresses outside the Province are exempted from the tax. A large number of essential goods like foodgrains milk, kerosene, charcoal, etc., which enter into the cost of living of poorer classes are exempted from the tax. The exemption has also been extended, for other considerations, to certain classes of articles like goods that bear a separate tax, school requirements, products of certain cottage industries, sacred books, etc. The tax is payable by all dealers whose gross turnover in a year has exceeded Rs. 30,000 and all such dealers are required to be registered under the Act.

AGITATION AGAINST THE ACT

There was much agitation against the Act before and after its enactment.

The Finance Minister's explanations and assurances did not lessen public agitation against the Act and on 4th September 1946, Government announced its decision to appoint an expert non-official committee to indicate the lines on which the Bombay Sales Tax Act, 1946, required modifications, and to submit a revised measure to the Legislature on the lines of the Committee's recommendations. Accordingly, our Committee was appointed on 12th October, and we held our first meeting on 19th October to discuss preliminaries and settle the line of work.

COMPLAINTS

After examining the nature of the various complaints and their validity the Committee observe:

While criticism would seem to be justified in the case of certain provisions of the Act like registration, exemptions etc. criticism in respect of other provisions like verification of accounts, assessment of tax, offences and appeals seems to be premature and mostly based on the experience of the individual dealers of the procedure followed in income-tax matters.

We have tried to examine carefully each and every section of the Act and the Rules made thereunder in the light of all possible difficulties likely to be experienced by dealers in this Province. We have also scrutinised the provisions in the Sales Tax Acts and Rules of different Provinces with a view to suggesting improvements and modifications in the Bombay Act.

After suggesting in detail, several modifications within the present structure of the Act as also its present basis, the committee consider the advisability of imposing a General Turnover Tax such as is being levied in Madras. A number of organizations of merchants have urged the adoption of this type of taxation in preference to the single-point system and a majority of the Committee are in favour of this step.

Mr. Mahomed Husein Hasham Premji, however, is strongly of opinion that as between the two systems namely the single-point tax and the general turnover tax, the single-point tax has definite advantages over the general turnover tax and favours the single-point tax. He does not, therefore, agree with the views expressed by the majority of the Committee in the following paragraphs regarding the advisability of imposing a general turnover tax.

PLEA FOR GENERAL TURNOVER TAX

The reasons of the majority for expressing this view will appear from the following brief discussion of the merits of the two systems.

It has been reckoned a merit of the single-point system that it would enable an article to be traced through various stages to the final consumer completely, because of the series of detailed accounts that traders at all stages will have to submit and because of the necessity of claiming exemption by traders at all except the final stage of the sale of a commodity. Theoretically, the claim may be conceded. Practically, it is doubtful whether any normally staffed Sales Tax Department will be able really to check in detail the passage of the bulk of all commodities in this manner from hand to hand. If the check is complete, the single tax system may be able to operate perfectly. If the check is at all incomplete, it encourages and leaves room for very considerable evasion. Under the general turnover tax, the returns will not be as detailed and may not be as full as in the single-point system. On the other hand, their supply will tax the staff of the trader and the trader himself less, their scrutiny will prove less of a burden on the Sales Tax Department and the temptation to evade, the burden of the tax being materially less, will to each individual trader be substantially less.

All the complaints regarding elaborate accounts that had been put forward by various bodies of traders are likely to diminish very materially by the adoption of a system of general turnover taxation. In the same manner the complaints regarding harassment of dealers by officers are likely to diminish, because of the greater simplicity of the structure and administration of the general turnover tax. The greater the difficulties in interpretation and the more the complexities of accounting, the larger the number of occasions where a dealer may be troubled; and therefore, the adoption of the general turnover tax may secure, to a material extent, greater co-operation in the working of the tax from the trading community.

There is no justification for the claim that the general turnover tax would lead to a greater disturbance of the trading structure than the single-point tax. Little more than a generalization can be made in this respect. It may, however, be claimed that any tax burden which is substantial and which impinges only at a particular point will lead to a greater disturbance in existing trade arrangements than a tax burden which is slight and whose incidence is widespread. A small tax gives less incentive to evasion. A small tax also gives less incentive for bringing about actively, change in the type of trader or in the place of trading. Thus, on general considerations, the turnover tax should lead to less of a disturbance in the existing trading structure than the single-point taxation. This last point has very considerable relevance when we look to the future of this system of taxation and the possible yield from it.

The Ministry has justified the imposition of a sales tax by pointing to their large commitments regarding expenditure on development of the resources of the Province. The sales tax is intended, presumably, to be an important instrument of financing this expenditure. The yield estimated at present, of the sales tax is not very large in relation to these future requirements. The rates of the tax may, therefore, have to be raised in the future. If this is so, the merits of a general turnover tax become specially important.

All the difficulties regarding passing on on the tax to the consumer, regarding evasion, regarding differentiation between registered and unregistered dealers, or differentiation between State and Provincial territory will become considerably aggravated, the higher the rate of the single-point taxation. Therefore, a tax which is expected to yield substantial revenue had best be a tax whose rate is low, but whose incidence is universal.

The adoption of the general turnover tax does not involve, in our opinion any disturbance of the other parts of the structure of the existing Bombay Act. It also makes no difference to the recommendations made by us above in regard to these other parts. If it is decided to adopt a general turnover tax we would suggest that the liability to tax may be defined by compelling all dealers with a gross annual turnover exceeding Rs. 10,000 to register.

For a turnover in a year up to Rs. 20,000 the tax should be laid at flat rates as under: Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 15,000—Eight Rupees per month. Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 20,000—Twelve rupees per month. For a turnover exceeding Rs. 20,000 the tax should be at the rate of one per cent of taxable turnover.

Two other features of the Madras Act we would recommend for adoption. These are the treatment of exports and the licensing, etc., of agents. If relief to exports is given by the method of rebates on restricted and defined categories this will make for a considerable check on evasion. The adoption of licensing of certain classes may meet the difficulties of large numbers of traders who have made strong representations and whose case can be fairly met under such a provision.

TOO MANY EXEMPTIONS

As regards exemptions under the present Act the Committee observe:

In our opinion, the present list of exemptions is large and seems to have been made up on a variety of considerations. There is a large class of goods included within it which are consumed by the poor. But there are still other classes whose inclusion in the exempted list can only be justified on other grounds such as encouraging particular types of production or producers, or exempting particular types of purchases because they are invested with religious or other importance. We think it essential that in a sales tax of any type the list of exemptions shall be as small as possible.

We give below a list of goods which in our opinion should be exempted from the tax:—

All cereals and pulses including all forms of rice (except when sold in sealed containers); Flour including atta, maida, suji and bran (except when sold in sealed containers); Bread; Meat, Fish except when sold in sealed containers; Fresh eggs; Cattle, sheep and goats; Vegetables green or dried other than medical preparations; Fresh fruits; Salt; Fresh milk, butter milk and curds.

Kerosene.

Coal Gas—When sold by a Gas Supply Co., for consumption—(a) by Government or any Local Authority, or (b) in respect of any industrial undertaking (other than in residential or office premises).

Goods on which duty is or may be levied under the Bombay Abkari Act, 1878, or the Opium Act, 1878.

Electrical Energy.

Motor Spirit, meaning any liquid or admixture of liquids which is capable of providing reasonably efficient motive power for any form of motor vehicle and which has a flashing point below 76 deg. F.

Water (other than aerated and mineral waters).

Firewood and charcoal.

Stamp paper sold by vendors duly authorised under the provisions of the Indian Stamp Act, 1899.

Cotton (whether ginned or unginned). Cotton yarn.

British Officers' Compound Blasted

Jewish Terrorist Gang Storms Army Leave Centre In Palestine

JERUSALEM, April 18 (APA).—A band of 15 men stormed the British Army Leave Centre at Nathanya, midway between Haifa and Tel Aviv, today, blasted the officers' compound with two bombs and escaped in a military lorry, according to unofficial reports reaching here.

One British soldier was reported killed in an exchange of shots between the marauders and the troops.

Other unconfirmed reports said the attackers arrived at the Leave Centre, secured entrance by displaying credentials and then drove toward the officers' compound. Challenged 'en route', they opened fire which the guards returned.

The soldier reported killed was hit during the exchange of shots preceding the blasts.

Meanwhile, it was officially announced that an explosion gutted the Jaffa offices today of "Futuwah", one of two Arab youth groups, but there were no casualties.

CURFEW LIFTED

Jerusalem's dusk to dawn Curfew has been lifted, British authorities announced today, but the Curfew throughout Palestine will continue.

Reuter adds: The military court today sentenced two members of the Palestine Arab semi-military youth organisation 'Najdda,' to eighteen months imprisonment for carrying arms.

TWO MORE HIT-AND-RUN ATTACKS

HAIFA, April 18 (Reuter).—Two more terrorist hit-and-run attacks on British troops—this time in Haifa—were reported tonight.

Gunmen riding in a grey saloon car opened fire on two army despatch riders in Herzl Street. They missed.

In King George Avenue, British troops who were fired on from a fast-moving black saloon car returned fire. There were no casualties among the troops and the terrorist car was later found abandoned in Haifa with a bullet hole in its back.

953 IMMIGRANTS DETAINED

NICOSIA, April 18 (APA).—Nine hundred and fifty-three more illegal Jewish immigrants, who were detained when they attempted to enter Palestine last week, were landed in Nicosia today from the "Empire Lifeguard", and the "Empire Shelter."

ARAB MINISTERS AGREE ON PALESTINE CASE

DAMASCUS, April 18 (APA).—Arab Foreign Ministers, who met in Damascus last night, issued a communique today in which they reported that complete agreement was reached on the method of representation of the Arab side of the Palestine case to the United Nations.

This will press for the independence of Palestine, the termination of the mandate and the immediate prevention of all Jewish immigration, the communique said.

Decisions have been cabled to Arab diplomatic representatives in Washington.

Members of last night's conference were told that Cyrenaica, Tunisia and Arab States promised immediate help. King Farouk of Egypt donated 5,000 pounds (Egyptian) to the campaign.

THREE BOMBS EXPLODE IN ISMAILLEH

CAIRO, April 18 (APA).—An Egyptian newspaper reported in a dispatch today that Ismailleh, on the Suez Canal, had been placed under martial law, following explosions of three bombs outside buildings occupied by British army units.

"HIGHLY REPREHENSIBLE"

Executed Jews Deprived Of Elementary Rights

JERUSALEM, April 17 (Reuter): Palestine Chief Rabbi Issaac Herzog, in a statement today on the execution of Dov Gruner and three other Jewish terrorists in acre prison yesterday (no Rabbi was present), said:

"The action of the British authorities will be generally declared highly reprehensible. These four Jews were deprived of the elementary rights of every human being in such tragic circumstances to have the comforts of his religious faith administered to him before the thread of his life is snapped as under.

Chief Rabbi Herzog made his statement in refusing the resignation offered him by Rabbi J. Goldman, formerly of Rochester, New York State, as Chaplain to prisons in the Holy Land in protest "against the failure of the Palestine Government to notify me of the impending executions."

The Palestine Government stated earlier that a Jewish Chaplain, who was asked, refused to be present at the executions. Jewish religious leaders said that the man described as a chaplain is a lay reader with no official religious standing.

JAWAHAR LEAVING FOR GWALIOR

NEW DELHI, April 18. (U.P.I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has ultimately decided to leave for Gwalior this afternoon to attend the States' Peoples' Conference. From there he will go to Mau. Pandit Nehru will be returning to Delhi on Monday.

MUFTI TO SET UP PALESTINE ARAB GOVT.?

JERUSALEM, April 17 (Reuter): A secret resolution authorising Haj Amin El Husseini, the Mufti of Jerusalem, to set up a Palestine Arab Government "in exile", if the United Nations decision on Palestine goes against the Arabs, is understood to have been adopted by the Arab League's Political Sub-Committee. The Political Sub-Committee made its decision at a meeting in Damascus yesterday, it is stated.

The special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations to consider Palestine begins on April 28.

The session is being called only to appoint a Special Committee of Enquiry, and it is expected that the U.N.O. decision on Palestine will be made at the normal General Assembly meeting next September. The Mufti —Leader of the Palestine Arab Higher Executive—is still living in Egypt where he sought sanctuary after escaping from surveillance in France last year.

20 Indians Killed By Viet Namese

SAIGON, April 18. (Reuter): Three Indian Pathans were killed by the Annamites during last week, it was officially learnt today.

About 20 Indians are believed to have been killed and several taken hostages by the Viet Namese during the past four months.

Indonesian Present To A.-I. T. U. C.

BOMBAY, April 18. (A. P. I.): On the eve of their departure for Madras "en route" to their country, the Indonesian Trade Union delegation have presented a sum of Rs. 1,000 to the All-India Trade Union Congress to "serve as a foundation-stone of solid ties between Indian and Indonesian working classes."

The Indonesian Delegation have extended an invitation to the All-India Trade Union Congress to send its observers to the annual session of the All-Indonesian Central Organisation of Trade Unions to be held at Malang (in Java) on May 16 to 18.

Wingate's Remains Located

CALCUTTA, April 18 (U.P.I.): The remains of General Wingate, the famous Chindit leader, have been found in a hilly country, forty miles from Imphal, by Capt. Carew of the 63rd Graves Concentration Unit, says the Shillong correspondent of the "Statesman" on the authority of the Army Headquarters.

NEW YORK, April 18 (A.P.A.): Forty young men and women took over the British Consulate here today for almost 90 minutes, protesting against the execution of four Palestine Jews. They left in a body only when threatened with arrest.

Indo-Ceylon Shipping Concern Move

Two Bombay Businessmen Start Negotiations In Colombo

COLOMBO, April 18 (Reuter).—Negotiations, it is reported, have been started among a group of Ceylon and Indian financiers for floating of a big shipping company in Ceylon. The bulk of the capital will be subscribed in Ceylon with a preponderantly Ceylonese directorate, which will receive the co-operation and technical assistance of Indian directors.

Sir Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtulla and Mr. F. H. Dinshaw, the well-known Bombay businessmen and financiers, are now in Ceylon in connection with these talks and it is understood that the Labour Minister Rajah Rewawiterne, has today called an informal conference of interested persons. Sir Homi Mehta, the Bombay banker, millowner and industrialist, is also mentioned as being interested in the venture.

A private member of the State Council, as early as February 1945, introduced a motion in the State Council asking the Governor to take steps to establish a State-aided shipping line and lighterage company to secure the Ceylonese a share of the sea traffic which is now in non-Ceylonese hands. This motion is already before the Executive Committee of Labour, Industry and Commerce for observation and report.

MOSCOW, April 17 (Reuter). The Council of Foreign Ministers tonight ploughed through another 16 articles of the Draft Treaty with Austria, removing points of disagreement only on a few of comparatively minor significance.

A few disagreements, on which the Ministers came close in principle, were handed to the Committee for redrafting after which they will again be subjected to four-power examination.

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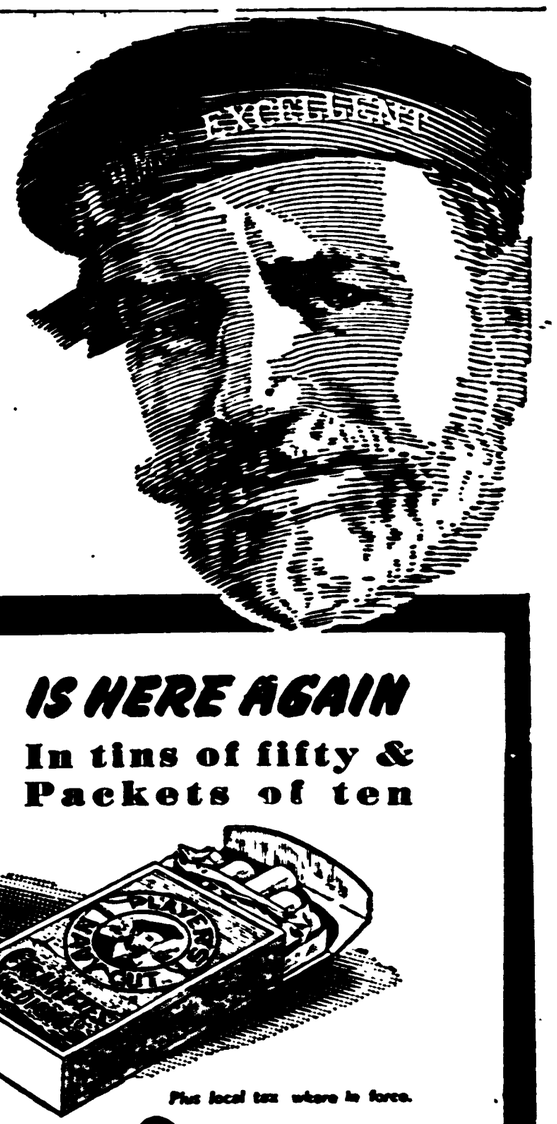

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PATTABHI'S VISION OF FUTURE OF INDIAN STATES WHEN BRITISH QUIT

(From Our Correspondent.)

GWALIOR, April 18.

Presiding to-day over the All-India States People's Conference, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya surveyed the course of events from Karachi Conference and feelingly referred to the absence of the President-elect Mr. Sheik Abdullah. He said:—

"To-day you witness the new birth of perfected Indian nationalism which should have been assisted at by our friend Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah but his own confinement in Kashmir Jails brings me in as the (locum tenens) accocheur to deliver the babe safe and sound, though the labour may be painful and difficult and therefore somewhat delayed.

We are meeting in the premier State of Central India at a time of sore trial.

The last twelve months have been a period of sore trial to the people of the States. It may be remembered that in the White Paper published in 1933, wherever the reference to Princes occurred, it was accompanied by the words "and their subjects". This significant addition was deleted from the Bill and the Act of 1935. From the year 1935 to the year 1946, it was a period of stress and strain to the States' people to get themselves restored in the picture of the Indian Union. The Cripps' mission continued the omission and the Cabinet Mission like-wise repeated the error. Yet through compulsion of events, the States' people have crept into the picture, but there is as yet no commendable effort to bring them out in all the three dimensions. They are only represented by a few fugitive lines which doubtless sketch their features in outline, but do not bring out their linaments with light and shade.

CABINET MISSION AND STATES.

There was a certain difficulty in understanding the attitude of the States so far as they spoke through the Chamber of Princes and its accredited organs. On the one hand they claimed to represent all the States of India, although they represent only 109 States individually and about 125 States through groups with 12 representatives, on the other they claimed that each State must be free to join the Constituent Assembly and the Union or not. If the final decision rests with each State then where does the organisation come in? At least the members of the organization should feel bound by corporate decisions and if that is so, they must implement the decisions forthwith in a manner faithful to the principles of the understanding reached.

Then again they wanted to be free to be both within the Constituent Assembly and outside the Union. They demanded strict adherence to the terms of the Cabinet Mission document but they themselves now added to them and now deducted from them. They added to the terms of negotiation contemplated therein, when they demanded that the conditions on which they should join the Union be included in the terms. They deducted from those terms where in regard to selection of representatives to the Constituent Assembly, they said they could deal only with method of selection not, of distribution.

REAL HITCH

It is a matter for gratification that the Statement of 16th May should have provided for representation of States in the Constituent Assembly including by implication that of the States' peoples as well, and that so far the talks between the two Negotiating Committees set up in pursuance of the statement and connected correspondence have gone on smoothly. But there is a hitch in the tentative settlements reached. Really the Princes have no place in the Constituent Assembly any more than Governors of Provinces which may hereafter be called the States composing the Indian Union. The princes are the future Governors of their States and the States are not their private property. Though hereditary the Princes are but the trustees of their people to conduct Government for the people. Hereafter the Government will be of the people, by the people, for the people, with the Princes as their Constitutional Heads.

RESPONSIBLE GOVT.

The need of the hour is a forthright declaration of immediate responsible Government in the larger States—not more than ten or twelve in number, such as Cochin has declared, with a time-limit for the fulfilment of the declaration just as the British Government have adopted in regard to India. Some Princes are rejoicing that when paramountcy ends, their independence would be restored to them. They little see that the same independence that reverts to the Princes, reverts to their people as well by the removal of the British army—hitherto the guardian angels and protecting forces of the Princes.

WHAT ABOUT MONARCHY?

Princes often ask "what about monarchy". The answer is simple and straight. Monarchy is there and will be there in your hands to make or mar or mend. It would be mere fancy to imagine that it will continue in its age-long pomp and circumstances, in its unrestrained authority and personal despotism.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

When the British are quitting India, not later than June 1948, the Political Department alone cannot keep hanging on to the coat tails of the Princes accoutrement. A new vision and vista are opening out before the Princes and the People and it is for them to reach mutual agreements as the permanent citizens of India bound by a common tie to the Indian Union. In the meantime the Political Department must become as much a People's Department of the Government of India and if that is not possible, it must be immediately replaced by a committee of representatives—of the Princes, of the States' people and of the Central Legislature, with a secretary from the Services—to act as a liaison body in all matters of concern between the States and the Centre or the States and the Provinces of States and States. This will be a transitional measure pending the accession of the States to the Central Legislature.

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

Another point of importance is that the latest time for the transfer of power having been fixed, an All India Provisional Government may have to be set up in place of the present Interim Government—perhaps by the Constituent Assembly itself, to take over charge from the British; such a Provisional Government must be a representative body, on which there is suitable representation of the States' People.

INDIA IS ONE.

Let our Princes look no longer for their centre of gravity abroad somewhere to Balmoral or St. James, beyond the Chalky cliffs of perfidious Albion, let their subjects no longer send up their impotent wails to the deaf ears of distant saviours that have never really existed. Let the pomp of royalty and the pride of person make room for the Sovereignty of the people embodied in the vision of the Motherland, emancipated from the thraldom of centuries and united by the ideals of ages. Let it be trumpeted forth from beach and mine, from tower and spire, that India from to-day is one, one in spirit and truth, one in culture and civilization, one in historic tradition, and biologic descent, one in lofty ideal and noble purpose, one in continental outlook and cosmopolitan sympathy.

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Indelible Blot On Ceylon Govt.

Ceylon Indian Congress Chief Criticises Knavesmere Episode

NEWALAPITTYA (Ceylon), April 18 (Reuter): An appeal to Indian settlers in Ceylon to consider themselves not only citizens of India or Ceylon but citizens of Asia was made by Mr. V. V. Giri, Congress Minister of Madras and ex-President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, addressing the seventh annual session of the Ceylon Indian Congress to-day.

He added: "Let the world be our home; let us not make it a battlefield. This in effect is the message of the greatest world teacher of all times, Mahatma Gandhi."

"Free India and Free Ceylon will not only be an asset to Asia but to the world. Let us, therefore, look forward and not backward and march ahead towards the attainment of the ideals which will make the peoples of both countries happy, prosperous and contented" Mr. Giri observed.

Mr. Vekra Thondaman, who had been elected President of the Congress for the third time, addressed the session.

On behalf of the Ceylon Indian Congress Mr. Thondaman assured the support and co-operation of India for a strong, independent Ceylon, in which all sections of the population would be assured of sense of security and equality.

INDELIBLE BLOT

Mr. Thondaman declared that the Knavesmere episode was an indelible blot in the annals of a Government which would claim civilised or human standard of administration and pointed out that the Ceylon Government at the time of this agitation had before it its own publication and an exhaustive report on labour conditions in Ceylon and the recommendations of Major Orde Brown, the Colonial Office adviser.

He added that the planters failed to appreciate the true aim of the Indians' strike and asserted that the planters could not disclaim all responsibility for the difference between the Government and the workers, as it was they who originally brought labour from India on the assurance of equality of rights and opportunities from the Ceylon Government. He felt that the proper time for a settlement of the Indian problem was when the new constitution was being introduced and when economic reconstruction plans were being considered. The anxiety of Ceylon Indians, he said, was founded on the genuine fear that they would be confronted with a series of 'fait accompli' on the inauguration of the new constitution.

The Congress, which claims a record membership of 18,000 Indians, specially chose Nawalapitiya, in the heart of the planting districts.

The sessions concludes to-morrow with a rally of the Ceylon Indian Labour Congress and Ceylon Indian women.

MUSICAL CONCERT

Misses Good and Naja Tata are giving a delightful programme of classical music on 28th April at the Sunderbai Hall at 6-15 p.m. The items will be performed by some of their pupils and assisted by the popular young singer Dorab Bhiwandiwalla.

The programme includes orchestral instrumental and vocal music. Burjor Vatcha, the young talented violinist, will lead the orchestra. Mr. Dorab Bhiwandiwalla, who has a rich bass baritone, will sing 'The Song of the Flea' by Moussergsky and the popular 'Plaisis d'Amour' by Martini.

The entire proceeds of the concert will go towards the maintenance of Miss Moos's Girton High School for Girls. Old pupils are particularly requested to help make this concert a success, by being present and doing their utmost to advertise the show. Donations will be most gratefully received. They should be sent direct to the Girton High School. Grant Road, Bombay 7.

The Girton High School for Girls was started in 1888 by Miss Bachoobai Moos. It was the first institution of its kind for Girls in Bombay. Since its inception to the end. of July 1946 Miss Moos managed and maintained the school entirely by herself without even a Government grant. She lived for the school for it was the cause closest to her heart.

The School is now in the hands of a committee of educationists who are attempting to carry on the good work of Miss Moos. Already several educational trusts like the Sir Ratan Tata, N. M. Wadia, A. J. Wadia, and P. A. Hormarji Trusts have biven generous donations to enable the committee to put the institution on a sound footing.

Temporary Injunction Against Bullion Exchange

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati)

Motiram Narayan Desai . Plaintiff.

vs.

The Bombay Bullion Exchange Ltd. and others .. Defendants.

The plaintiff, the sole proprietor of Messrs. Anant Shivaji Topiwalla, is a member of the first defendant company and carried on business on a large scale. The plaintiff had outstanding transactions of sale of about 10,000 tolas of gold and about 1050 bars of silver. Defendants 2 to 13 are directors of the Exchange and defendants 14 to 22 are the members of its Merchants' Committee.

On 10th March 1947 the Joint Committee of the directors and the Merchants' Committee passed a resolution declaring an emergency and fixing the ceiling prices for gold and silver for Fagan and Vaishakh Vaidas. On 10th April the Board of Directors of the Exchange purported to declare that the emergency had come to an end and that free trading would be permitted.

The plaintiff contended that in passing this resolution the directors, who were bears (sellers) at the time of the resolution of 10th March but had since become bulls (buyers), were acting in their own interests and that the resolution of 10th April was therefore illegal. It was also contended that the directors had no power to pass this resolution which could only be passed by the Joint Committee. The plaintiff alleged that this resolution of 10th April would lead to chaos and ruin in the market and that the members of the Bazar were overwhelming in favour of continuing the emergency provision as the emergency had not in fact disappeared. The plaintiff had therefore filed this suit for a declaration that the resolution of 10th April 1947 was invalid and for other ancillary reliefs. He then took out the present notice of motion for an injunction restraining the Exchange and its directors pending the disposal of the suit from enforcing the resolution of 10th April, 1947, in any manner and from acting contrary to the resolution of 10th March, 1947.

His Lordship held that under Article 109(14) of the Exchange the directors had the power both to declare an emergency as well as to end it. But as in the present case the emergency had been declared under a Rule framed under Article 109 (16) by the Joint Committee of the Board of Directors and the Merchants' Committee, it was the joint Committee alone which could declare that the emergency had come to an end. His Lordship therefore granted the injunction as aforesaid till the disposal of the suit and expedited the hearing of the suit itself.

Mr. V. F. Taraporevala and Mr. K. K. Desai instructed by Messrs. Daphtary Pereira and Diwa appeared for the plaintiff in support of the motion.

The Advocate-General and Mr. Purshottam Tricamdas instructed by Messrs. Bhaishankar Kanga & Girdharlal appeared for defendant 1 to to oppose it.

Mr. H. D. Banaji and Mr. N. P. Nathwani instructed by Messrs. Bhaishankar Kanga and Girdharlal appeared for defendants 3 4. 6 and 12 oppose it.

Mr. K. T. Desai and Mr. R. J. Kolah instructed by Messrs. Motichand and Devidas appeared for defendant 11 to oppose it.

Mr. M. V. Desai and Mr N. A. Mody instructed by Messrs. M. B. Chothia & Co. appeared for defendants 14 to 22 supporting the plaintiff's motion.

Fatal Assault In City Mill

BOMBAY, Friday: Some of the workers of the India United Mills Bombay, it is alleged, assaulted with an iron rod Mr. Smith, the Weaving Master of the mill, who subsequently succumbed to the injuries. After knocking him down unconscious the workers, it is further alleged, also attacked the Assisting-Weaving Master and the jobber. All the three were removed to the K. E. M. Hospital.

The police believe that the motive of assault was enmity.

Nearly 800 workers were on strike this morning.

GOVERNOR COMMENDS SERVICES OF ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE

BOMBAY, Friday.

Sir John Colville, Governor of Bombay, presiding over the annual general meeting of the Bombay Provincial Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association this evening at the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Building, Bombay, observed that if the welfare of all classes and communities without boundary and bias continued to be the aim of the Association he had no fear for the prospects of the Association in the India of the future.

Sir John Colville said, "In this country of great distances, where qualified doctors were so far apart, there is a very large scope for an Association such as yours which devotes itself to spreading the knowledge of ways of dealing with sickness and pain. It will be a long time before the Association can say that its work is done and that knowledge of how to live healthily and how to deal with illness and accidents is a part of the common equipment of everyone."

Referring to the speech of the Chairman, Sir Colville said that in spite of the fact that the last year was a year of uncertainty and trouble and moreover a year where after the end of a long war there must be mentally some tendency to slacken off in all voluntary organisations that had been working hard for the war, it was very creditable that the Association had been able to keep its numbers above what it was before the war.

The Chairman, Major-General Harty, moved a resolution condoling the death of Jamshedji Ardeshir Navada and G. N. Gazdar, members of the Association, who were stabbed in Bombay during the riots last year while on duty. The resolution was passed all standing.

An amount of Rs. 8,47,407 which the Association received yesterday from the Joint War Committee as its share was also announced at the meeting.

PROVISIONAL LIQUIDATOR APPOINTED

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tendolkar)

In the matter of the Associated Banking Corporation of India Ltd.

Amzel Ltd. .. Petitioners.

On Friday afternoon the petitioners applied for the appointment of a Provisional Liquidator of the Bank on the ground that certain developments had taken place since the High Court's order of 9th April last. By that order on the Bank undertaking to appoint Mr. N. M Raiji as Manager, directions had been given for the calling of meetings of members and creditors of the Bank to consider a scheme of arrangement proposed by the Bank. The petitioner's application for the appointment of a Provisional Liquidator had been adjourned 'sine die.' Thereafter, it transpired that certain information was received by Mr. Raiji that a certain document formerly in the possession of the Bank was not genuine and that a fraud to the extent of Rs. 15 lakhs had been committed. The petitioners thereupon renewed their application for the appointment of a Provisional Liquidator. Mr. Raiji placed the matter in the hands of the C.I.D. for investigation.

The Board of the Bank felt that they could no longer take the responsibility of continuing in possession of the books and documents and agreed to the appointment of a Provisional Liquidator.

His Lordship appointed the Official Liquidator to be Provisional Liquidator of the Bank with powers under Section 179 of the Companies Act. His Lordship vacated the order of 9th April and gave liberty to the Provisional Liquidator to continue Mr. Raiji as manager on such terms as he thought fit.

The Advocate-General and Mr. M. V. Desai instructed by Messrs. Pereira Fazalbhoy & Co. appeared for the petitioners.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga instructed by Messrs. S. F. B. Tyabji & Co. appeared for the Bank.

Mr. M. L. Maneksha and Mr. S. D. Vimadalal instructed by Messrs. Pereira Fazalbhoy & Co. appeared for the supporting creditors.

Mr. S. D. Vimadalal instructed by Messrs. Dayalji and Dipchand appeared for certain contributories.

Mr. A. A. Peerbhoy instructed by Messrs. Chhatrapati & Co. appeared for another contributory.

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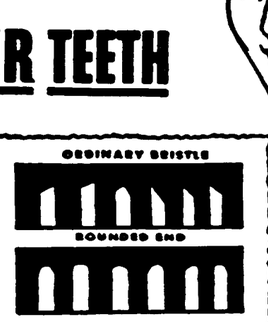

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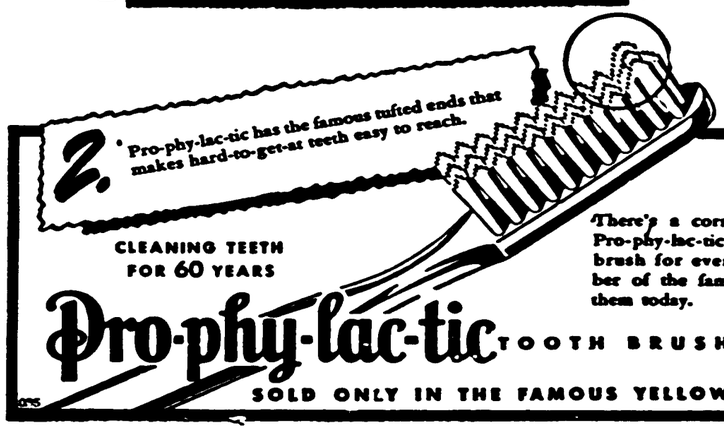

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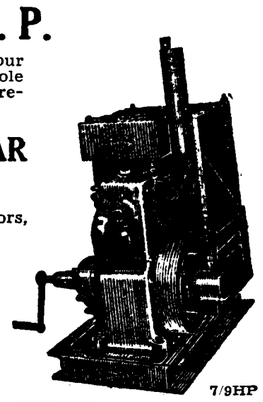

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U. S. Outlaws Strikes

Drastic Curbs On Organised Labour Imposed

WASHINGTON, April 17. (Reuter): Drastic curbs on organised Labour, including court prosecution of the unions which flout public interest, were approved by the United States House of Representatives to-day.

The measure removes the traditional exemption of labour unions from the application of the United States Anti-Trust Laws and requires them to assume equal responsibilities with the employers before Law, particularly in regard to contract violations and strikes which imperil health and safety or interest.

It also outlaws "closed shop" industry-wide collective bargaining, sympathy and jurisdictional strikes and mass picketing of factories by striking workmen.

EXPLORING THE ANTARCTIC

Joint British-Norwegian Expedition To Make Attempt

LONDON, April 18. (Reuter): A British mission consisting of representatives of the Air Ministry, the Royal Geographical Society and the Scott Polar Research Institute, will shortly be leaving for Oslo to discuss preparations for a joint Norwegian-British-Swedish expedition to the Antarctic, it is learned here.

A spokesman of the Norwegian Embassy in London said that the Norwegian Government is interested in supporting an expedition to Norwegian terriroties in the Antarctic with the participation of representatives from other countries, particularly Sweden and Britain and considers that it should be carried out in a Norwegian vessel under Norwegian flag and leadership.

He added that the Ministry of Trade and Shipping is to make proposals in this connection which will be presented to Parliament in the present session. The Norwegian Geographic Society has been asked to work out a programme and estimate the cost. A Committee for this purpose has been formed in Oslo under the Chairmanship of Dr. Sverre Peterson Head of meteorological service in Norway.

The Norwegian navy and airforce will take part in the expedition which will chart from the air as much as possible of the Queen Maud land and also improve the sea charts.

The newly discovered mountain regions in the interior will also be explored. A unit of ten or twelve specialists will be flown there and stay in the winter to conduct scientific research.

It is expected that Major-General R. Larsen of the Norwegian Air Force will lead the expedition. He was Second in Command of the Amundsen-Ellsworth expeditions in the Arctic and across the North Pole by plane and airship in 1925 and 1926.

PRINCES ORGANISE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

LONDON, April 18 (UPA). A publicity campaign for the Indian States has been organised in London recently.

This matter of political significance has been revealed to the "United Press of India" by a member of the British Parliament to-day. It appears a firm called Messrs. Hubert Williams and Partners Limited is organising this publicity campaign for the States. The "United Press of India" correspondent has seen a circular letter issued by this firm to all members of British Parliament in envelops marked 'confidential'.

The letter reads: "This firm has appointed information officers in the United Kingdom for the Indian States. Our function will be to serve as an authoritative source of factual and objective information relating to the Princely States of India and their Rulers.

"We are at your disposal for supply of any information or assistance you may require from time to time and hope you will not hesitate to use our services. If we may, we will send you periodicals, new-sheets and other informative material issued from this office. In particular, a set of speaker's notes summarising basic facts and figures about the Indian States have been prepared and copies will be forwarded to you shortly."

The letter does not make clear who has appointed the firm as the information officers of the Indian States. The Directors of this firm are all very well-known Tory leaders—Right Honourable Walter Elliot, Sir Gerald Campbell, Lord Tweedsmuir, former Governor of Canada and Mr. Hubert Williams.

JAYAKAR TO QUIT CONSEMBLY?

Likely To Be Called To Sit On Privy Council

LONDON, April 17: "IPA" learns that Dr. M. R. Jayakar is coming here next month and likely to be called to sit on the Privy Council. Sir Madhavan Nair is on six months' leave and Sir John Beaumont, former Bombay Chief Justice, is the only Indian Judge present here.

Important appeals are due during the summer session for which two Indian judges will be required. It is understood that Dr. Jayakar is resigning from Constituent Assembly.

AMERICA MAY NOT CONCEDE FRENCH DEMAND

WASHINGTON, April 18 (A.P.A.): American government officials yesterday expressed doubt that the United States could meet any French request for 500,000 additional tons of grain between now and harvest time because of shortage of supplies.

These officials pointed out that 380,000 tons of American wheat flour and corn were already allocated to France and French North Africa for April, May and June.

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"CONSPIRACY TO MURDER STATE OFFICIALS"

"Quit Kashmir" Agitation Sequel: Police Recover Revolvers And Pistols In Raids

SRINAGAR, April 17 (API).A conspiracy to murder about 30 top-ranking Government officials, journalists and political leaders who were opposed to the "Quit Kashmir" agitation, is claimed to have been unearthed by the Srinagar police following an attempt on the life of Mr. Premnath Bazaz, editor of the "Hamdard."

Some revolvers, pistols, daggers, and cartridges are reported to have been recovered by the police who raided a number of houses yesterday.

Five workers of the National Conference have been arrested in connection with the attempted murder of Mr. Premnath Bazaz.

MADURA C. I. D. SWOOP DOWN ON BLACK-MARKETEERS

Seize Cloth Worth Rs. 2,16,775

MADURA, April 17. (A.P.I.): The C.I.D. anti-blackmarketing staff, Madura to-day conducted a series of raids on eight shops in the city, all trading in handloom cloth and seized cloth worth about Rs. 2.16.775.

There were no price marks on the cloth as required by the handloom cloth price control order of the Madras Government.

The cloth was taken over by the authorities and further investigations are proceeding.

The party was led by Mr. R. N. Manikkan, Deputy Superintendent of Police C.I.D. branch, Madura.

RELIGIOUS FANATICISM IN INDIA

Prof. Vinod On Causes And Cure Of Malady

Rotarian Professor D. G. Vinod, the well-known scholar and Psychologist, while addressing a distinctive gathering at the Rotary Club of Poona, on 14th April, made the following observations:

Human personality of today is completely disintegrated from within. The national unconscious of India has become a moving mass of conflicts and complexes, resistance and frustrations. Consequently even the highest leadership of every political creed in India, is featured by a tendency towards fanaticism. Fanaticism, as a psychological phenomenon, is an expression of an imbalance resulting from an interaction of mutually resistant elements in a functioning human personality. In a behaviour pattern of well-ordered self-collected individual, there is little scope for fanaticism. A flood-tide of enthusiasm for a cause lifts a Prophet's life far above the normal outlines; but in his case it is a progressive, spirally moving and co-ordinated ascent of the whole personality. Every aspect of his being has a due and proportionate share in the whole process of intensification. There is no imbalance and, therefore, no trace of fanaticism.

The present communal carnage in India is not a result of religious fanaticism. Its communal aspect is evidently superficial. To call it of British make is imputing motives on insufficient data to cover our own scars and failings.

DEFECTIVE PERSONAL SET-UP

The root of the evil lies in the defective personal set-up and psychological maladjustments of the Indian individual. Pseudo religion, mediaevalism, caste obsessions, defective assimilation of western impacts, these are the main features of the present day India's wrong personal set-up. These are not the causes but 'results' flowing out from a bad political and social past. The remedy lies in a complete re-orientation of the inner psychological frame.

Economic re-conditioning is the preliminary step. This should be followed by a re-direction of Indian mind into adventures in objective sciences, into self-conscious political activities towards instituting fresh positive and evolutionary standards in moral and religious fields.

Non-violence is not, perhaps, the most relevant remedy. That idea is only a dialectical opposite of violence. The attitude of non-violence is extremely difficult of cultivation and application. It can never be manufactured on an "en-masse" scale as a remedy for a psycho-social evil, which needs to be tackled by a psycho-social re-education.

Holland To Take Census Of Ghosts!

THE HAGUE, April 18 (Reuter): Holland is to take a census of her ghosts. A Catholic newspaper states that the Dutch Central office for Folklore has been commissioned to do this by the Dutch Physical Research Association and that thousands of questionnaires have been sent out of the Central Office to its correspondents asking them to indicate haunted houses and report on such phenomena.

The paper quotes the organiser of the census as saying that "Dutch ghosts are dying out although there are still a few die-hards left."

RICE-GROWING COUNTRIES TO CONFER

WASHINGTON, April 17 (Reuter): A conference of eight major rice producing and consuming countries will open on May 15 in Trivandrum, Travancore, the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation announced tonight.

The meeting is expected to last four weeks and will examine the technical problems of expanding production and the economic problems concerning

LEAKAGE OF BRITISH BUDGET PROPOSALS

Commander Braithwaite Demands Inquiry

LONDON, April 17, (Reuter): Leakage on the budget information leading to a sharp rise in the prices of certain shares on the London stock exchange was alleged in the House of Commons today by Lieutenant-Commander J. G. Braithwaite, Conservative Member of parliament, who called for an inquiry.

Commander Braithwaite said that two hours before the Chancellor of the Exchequer rose to make known his budget proposals to the House on Tuesday, prices of British Celanese and Courtauld Rayon rose sharply. "I made it my business to visit the market to find out why, and I was told there had been heavy and influential buying," he said. "Who has been talking? Where is the leak? Because obviously someone has been talking.

Commander Braithwaite said this was a case for inquiry by the Chancellor of the Exchequer "because it is quite obvious that someone, who had access to the budget secrets, made use of that information for financial gain."

THEFT OF CLOTH BALES Lorry Driver Gets 9 Months

BOMBAY, Friday.

A sentence of nine months' imprisonment was imposed on Tukaram Raghu Nimbalkar, a motor lorry driver by Mr. M. Nassrullah, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court, on the charge of theft of 16 bales of cloth valued at Rs. 12,000.

The evidence showed that on December 18th last a complaint was lodged at Dongri Police station that a godown belonging to Satyanarayan Baijnath, at Wadi Bunder, was broken open and bales of cloth valued at Rs. 12,000 stolen. Sub-Inspector DeCunha was deputed to investigate the case, who arrested the accused, and Bala Manu, a cleaner, who, it was alleged, and removed the property in the early hours of the day in question. Tukaram Nimbalkar was convicted and sentenced as above, while Balu Manu, the cleaner, was discharged for want of sufficient evidence.

MR. CHUNDRIGAR IN AHMEDABAD

AHMEDABAD, April 18 (API): Hon. Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, Commerce Member, Government of India, arrived here last night from Bombay by air, to pay a condolence visit in connection with the death of Mr. N. J. Sheikh, a Muslim League member of the Bombay Legislative Council.

FORMER BOMBAY HIGH COURT JUDGE DEAD

POONA, April 17 (A.P.I.): Sir Govind D. Madgaonker, former Judge of the Bombay High Court, died in Poona today at his residence in Koregaon Park at the age of 76. He was taken ill after a heart attack a few days ago his funeral was largely attended.

Born in 1871, Sir Govind after a brilliant carrier at St. Xaviers and Elphinstone Colleges Bombay and Baliol, passed his I.C.S. in 1892. He entered the Indian Judiciary in 1905 and rose to the position of the Judge of the Bombay High Court in 1925. After his retirement he acted as Adviser to Holkar State and later was President of the Huzur Nyaya Sabha in Baroda. He was also the Judge of the Supreme Court at Kolhapur and presided over the Bombay Revenue Tribunal from 1939 to 1944.

For the past few years Sir Govind Madgaonker was leading a retired life in Poona.

A reference to his death was made in the Poona Sessions Court where the judges of the Poona courts met and passed a resolution condoling his death.

Charge Of Accepting Illegal Gratification

BOMBAY, Friday.

Narotamdas Jamnadas Asher, Asstt. Superintendent, Government grains godowns, Rayan Market, Bombay, was arrested by the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Bombay C.I.D. yesterday on a charge of accepting Rs. 150 as illegal gratification.

Receiving information from the Supervisor of the M. K. J. Motor Transport Co., Bombay, that the accused was demanding illegal gratification of Rs. 150 from his firm for facilitating loading and unloading of food grains, a trap was laid by Deputy Commissioner Mr. V. Moray, aided by Inspector Rao Saheb Shete and Sub-Inspector Miranda of the Anti-Corruption Branch.

The accused not sensing the trap walked into it. He was placed to-day before Mr. Rege, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court and his bail period was extended till May 2, 1947.

G. I. P. RY'S. SUBURBAN TIMINGS

Novel Design Of Time Table

The G.I.P. Railway have issued a new Time Table for their Bombay Suburban Section. Priced at one anna per copy it is of novel design and should prove of great assistance to the travelling public.

Timings of trains on the various sections, Week-day and Sunday trains separately, have been printed on different coloured paper. In addition a form of central indexing has been adopted which makes reference extremely easy.

The new time table has also a calendar, a page showing arrival and departure timings of Main Line trains at Victoria Terminus and a route chart of the section showing suburban stations.

Normal Bus And Tram Service Resumed

BOMBAY, Friday

Normal bus and tram services were resumed this morning on all routes in the city after one of the worst traffic paralysis which Bombay suffered during the 25 days of the B.E.S.T. workers' strike. Almost all the workers in the traffic department reported for duty and so the management was able to restore full services earlier than expected. As the day advanced buses and trams were plying with increasing frequency along the entire network of the transport system of Bombay. The usual long winding queues were witnessed at all bus and tram stops, eagerly waiting to board buses and trams.

The vehicles operated by the Emergency Transport Board have been rendered unnecessary following the normal resumption of the B.E.S.T. transport service. However, the Board's services will continue till next Sunday. The Board, it is learnt, has given the option to the private owners who were plying their vehicles during the emergency, to continue their services till Sunday or to stop forthwith if sufficient passengers are not available.

It is learnt that the services of the volunteers who operated the B.E.S.T. skeleton transport will be dispensed with shortly.

G. G. MEHTA'S BAIL PERIOD EXTENDED

Mr G. G. Mehta, Secretary of the B.E.S.T. Workers' Union, who was arrested yesterday at 2-30 p.m. at his residence by the Labour Branch, Bombay C.I.D., for contravening the order issued by the Commissioner of Police on September 2, 1946, prohibiting meetings and processions by addressing three meetings on last Sunday, one at the Co-operage, a second at the Tardeo Depot and a third at the Kingsway Depot, was produced this morning before Mr. G. K. Rege, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court.

Pending further inquiries his bail period has been extended till May 2, 1947.

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HOME GUARDS HONOURED

Exemplary Devotion To Duty

BOMBAY, Friday.

A special general parade of the Home Guards was held this morning, when Home Guard S. S. Sawant was awarded with a commendatory note written by the Home Minister, for exemplary devotion to duty during the recent riots.

Mr. Sawant answered the call to duty on the morning of April 10, in spite of the fact that his son was critically ill. He made no excuses for exemption from duty. Soon after, news came that the boy had died and in spite of that Mr. Sawant had to be persuaded to leave his post of duty.

On a report from the Commandant, the Government of Bombay was prompt to appreciate such selfless devotion as soon as it was possible to do so, and so this parade was held and he was given this honour in the presence of his comrades who had turned up in good number in spite of the inclement weather.

NEW DEAL TO TEXTILE WORKERS

BOMBAY, Friday: After careful consideration of the almost diametrically conflicting viewpoints of the representatives of the textile workers and the Millowners' Associations, Messrs. K. K. Desai and P. V. Gillespie, Assessors appointed by the Industrial Court, Bombay, have now submitted a scheme, which they consider to be in the interested of all concerned.

According to the scheme, no textile employee (whether male or female) working in Bombay would get less then Rs. 30 for a month of 26 working days, exclusive of Dearness Allowance. The differentials have been considered in the light of skill, strain and other conditions of work in the industry. The recommendations are such that the Industry can pay without any detriment to itself. They also have recommended that the standard wages may be ordered by the court to come into effect from 1st January 1947.

Piece-Goods Merchants' Piecegoods Merchants'

A plea for the immediate removal of cloth control is made by the Bombay Piecegoods Native Merchants' Association in a telegram sent to the Hon. Mr. C. Rajagopalachari and the other Hon. Members of the Interim Government. Otherwise, the Association believes, the Textile industry and trade will be facing impossible stock position, where mills may have to suspend production in the absence of speedy and regular clearance.

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Today's Engagements

B. P. C. C.: An Ordinary meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held today (Saturday), at 5-30 p.m., at Congress House.

MUNICIPAL SUBORDINATE STAFF UNION: Special meeting of members today (Saturday), at 3-20 p.m., at Municipal Sports Club, Bori Bunder.

B. P. BALKAN-JI-BARI: General meeting of active workers today (Saturday), at 4 p.m., at Fellowship School, Gowalia Tank.

WELCOME TO MR. ABIDALI JAFFERBHOY: After the above-mentioned meeting is over, a tea party will be given to Mr. Abid Ali Jafferbhoy, ex-Vice-President, B. P. Balkan-ji-Bari, and President, First All-India Balkan-ji-Bari Workers' Conference, to welcome him on his return from the world tour.

B. P. STUDENTS' CONGRESS: Urgent meeting of Executive today (Saturday), at 5-40 p.m., at Arya Bhavan, Shri Aurobindo Bose, President, A.I.S.C., will attend the meeting.

B. E. S. T. Workers' General Meeting

A general meeting of the B. E. S. T. Workers' Union will be held tomorrow (Sunday), at 9 p.m. at the Cooperage Maidan to confirm the decision of the Joint Council of Action to call off the strike. Permission to hold the meeting has been granted by the Police Commissioner.

TRINITY MUTUAL HEALTH CLINIC: The Girgaum, Dadar and Parel Centres open to the public for Free health advice as under:—(1) Girgaum Centre (Aryan High School Building, near Opera House), today, (Saturday) and tomorrow (Sunday) from 4 to 6 p.m., (2) Dadar Centre (Orient High School Building, Lady Jamshedji Road) tomorrow from 9 to 11 a.m.

Food Exhibition

On behalf of the Bombay Women's Association (Fort Branch of the A. I. W. C.), Thakurdwar Mahila Sangh (A. I. W. C.) and the Pathare Prabhu Mahila Samaj, an exhibition of posters concerning the difficult food problem in the city will be shown at Suniti High School, near Madhavashram, Parekh Street, Girgaum, Bombay, from today (Saturday) to Wednesday (April 23), between 3 and 7 p.m.

When shown in Bombay North it was visited by more than 2,000 people Arrangements were made for people to record their opinions and impressions.

Women unanimously considered the exhibition a true picture of their present plight and hardships. They congratulated the women for taking the lead in voicing and depicting the citizens' strong feelings about the increasing menace of blackmarketing. They demanded of the organisers a constructive programme for fighting the menace and assured their full cooperation in carrying out such a programme.

Citizens of Bombay South should not miss this opportunity.

BOMBAY SALES TAX

Agitation Against Amended Legislation

Mr. Naushir Bharucha, Hon. Secretary, Bombay Province Sales Tax Protest Front, writes that as the draft bill for the amendment of the Sales Tax Act, 1946, was rushed through the Legislature by the Government within three or four days of the release of the report of the enquiry committee appointed by the Government and as the basis and structure of the Act remain the same as before and the grievances of the mercantile community and the public remain as they are, "it is felt that agitation against the Sales Tax Act must continue" and a meeting of the Council of the Bombay Province Sales Tax Front is being convened to consider the question.

JAILED FOR CARRYING RAZOR

BOMBAY, Friday.—For carrying a razor with him during the recent riots in Bombay, a barber, Buju Gulab, was sentenced today to two months rigorous imprisonment by Mr. Rege, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court.

He was arrested by the police day before yesterday on Falkland Road. The accused stated that the razor was a tool of his profession.

The Magistrate, while awarding the sentence, remarked that he could not believe the story.

HIGH COURT CLOSES FOR SUMMER

BOMBAY, Friday.

The High Court closed for the summer vacation (today) Friday and will re-open on 16th June.

Mr. Justice Macklin who is retiring from the Bench was given a farewell Reference by the Appellate Side Bar.

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7-30 a.m. Swar Kalika (by D'Amel) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 P. G. Parab (Sitar) 8-45 Mandakini Gadre (Bhavgeet) 9-0 Jyotsna Bhole (Deskar). 12-0 p.m. Composite programme (M) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Vasant Ritu (Bhavgeet) 1-35 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1.40 You Asked for It 4-20 M. G. Gokhale (Bhampalas) 4-50 Mumtas Begum (Ghasal) 5-0 P. G. Parab (Sitar) 5-15 Programme in Gujarati of special interest to children 5-45 Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Avinash Vyas (Gujarati Geeto) 6-30 Mumtas Begum (Thumri) 6-45 Mandakini Gadre (Abhang) 7-0 Shivkumar Shukla (Triveni) 7-30 Replies to listeners' letters (M) 7-40 Musical Interlude 7-45 Filmi Geet ("Mirabai") 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Recitation of poems from works of Mati Ram (by R. Y. Singh, Bhamar) 8-45 Chemistry in changing world: Talk by Sir J. C. Ghosh 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 Shivkumar Shukla (Darbari) 10-15 Jyotsna Bhole (Shudh Bhatiyar).

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, April 18, (A. P. I.):- Following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours from April 1, 1947 and departures from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on April 18, 1947:—
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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Our anger and impatience often prove much more mischievous than the things about which we are angry or impatient.
—Marcus Aurelius.

The Bombay Chronicle

CALL TO PRINCES

The All-India States People's Conference, which is holding its sessions in Gwalior, is historic and epoch-making, in the context of the "Quit India" resolution of the British Imperialism. Swaraj is knocking at our door and will be a "fait accompli" by June 1948, if only we take it over and share it as true freedom-loving people. Freedom, to be real, must broaden from Centre to Provinces, and from princes to people. The masses of India which live in seven lakhs of villages must also feel its flow and experience its glow. India would have fought her battle against Imperialism in vain, if everyone of her inhabitants does not become a co-sharer in her freedom. The cult of liberty will convert all into its champions, and as it can thrive only on a policy of "live and let live," it will prove an effective solvent for regional flare-ups and communal "cut-throatism" which disfigure the fair name of the country to-day. It is against this back-ground of political and psychological forces that Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya's address to the Gwalior Conference gains added significance, as it is a clarion call to the princes and the people of Indian States to clear the decks and line up for the final attainment of Swaraj. Dr. Pattabhi has been a strong critic of princely India, with a flair for caustic comments which have lashed some of its members for their sins of omission and commission. But in his presidential address he has chosen to play the role of a peace-maker and sought to bridge the gulf between the princes and their people and make them free "constituents" of a free India. There are many ugly factors which have to be eliminated before the princes and their people can come into their own. The proclamation of fundamental rights for state subjects made by the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes in January 1946, sounds somewhat hollow in the existing and persisting conditions in many states. In a large number of states there are hardly any real liberties, civil or political, enjoyed by the subjects. The episodes that compelled the visit of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to Faridkot and Kashmir last year lifted the iron curtain of oppression in states. Nothing is more disconcerting than that Sheikh Abdullah, the president-elect of the Gwalior Conference, should be languishing in jail, instead of rightfully guiding the proceedings as the people's chosen representative. This order of things must go and Bastilles in states must fall.

It is no small triumph to the agitation of states people that, after being written off by the British Government from White Papers and Blue Books for the past decade, they find a place in the Constituent Assembly. But this hard-earned right will prove illusory if real representatives of the people are not chosen in a democratic way. Already some scheming rulers are promoting parallel 'Praja Mandals' as the "King's party" to stifle the popular choice to the Consembly, while some states which have not even the apology for a popular legislature are thinking of using their nominated "Panchayats" as the electoral college for the constitution-making body. This amounts to a fraud on the constitution and it shall not pass. So Dr. Pattabhi is quite right when he prescribes that "where there are no legislatures, the popular quota of representation must be furnished by the regional councils of the All-India States People's Conference, unless an understanding is reached between the princes of the region and the regional councils in the way of friendly settlement." Equally important is the need for a forthright declaration of immediate responsible government in larger states, such as Cochin has declared, with a time-limit for implementing the same, just as the British Government has adopted in regard to India. Another grave development is the dissension among the princely order regarding participation in the work of the Constituent Assembly, which might adversely affect the states' representation in that body. One or two states have already declared their intention of becoming independent in June 1948 when Paramountcy terminates. There are others who do not want to participate, unless there is Congress-League agreement and until group constitutions are framed. In this respect, the recent Bombay meeting of Princes and Ministers has gone back on its original decision of whole-hearted co-operation with the Constituent Assembly, and has passed a novel resolution tolerating co-operators and encouraging abstainers. The Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes has declined to nominate members to the Constituent Assembly Committee, pending the latter's acceptance of certain 'fundamental propositions' pertaining to territorial integrity and dynastic security. This is sheer stone-walling tactics; but the moot point is whether the representatives of the states people should await the pleasure of their highnesses before they step into the Constituent Assembly.

It is a matter for congratulation that despite wobblers and opportunists, patriotic princes like Bikaner, Jodhpur, Baroda, Udaipur, Patiala, etc., have volunteered to join the forthcoming sessions of the Consembly with their representatives. We are sure that, ere long, other states will follow their worthy lead. In a free India, the Government of States will be of the people, by the people and for the people, with the princes as their constitutional heads. Regarding the role of princes, Dr. Pattabhi observes: "Monarchy is there and will be there, and it is for the princes to make or mar or mend." In the "blitz" during the last war, King George promptly visited a bombed area soon after the siren sounded "all clear". The victims were overwhelmed by the royal gesture of sympathy and all cried "You are a great King." Quick was the reply of the King—"You are a great people." This anecdote is a pointer to our Princely Order.

Frankly Speaking

Good Friend Of India

There have long been persistent suggestions that Lord Pethick-Lawrence wanted, owing to his age—he is 76—to retire from his exacting work as Secretary of State for India. Indeed, it was reported that, for this reason of age, he was unwilling to join the Government when it was formed after the last General Election, and that only his sympathy for and interest in India induced him to yield to Mr. Attlee's insistence and accept the post of Secretary of State. He had all along been a good friend of India and he proved his friendship during his term of office too. There might have occasionally been some differences between himself and the British Cabinet on the one hand and Indian leaders on the other. But that is a normal feature of friendly relations between different sets of people. And those differences certainly do not affect the motives and bonafides of Lord Pethick-Lawrence which are unquestionable and unquestioned. This acknowledgement India owes to Lord Pethick-Lawrence with thankful appreciation of his sincerity and services.

Welcome Choice

Despite persistent rumours, however, his resignation did come as an unexpected surprise. But the reason—his age—that he has given is convincing enough. He had worked hard long enough both in England and while in India and it might have been too exacting for him to be in charge of "the framing and piloting through Parliament of Legislation that will be necessary to effect the transfer of power in India and Burma". A younger man was needed and has been found in Lord Listowel. The change is, of course, expedient in another sense too. This period of vital and final transfer needs in Whitehall as in New Delhi fresh as well as keen men. Lord Mountbatten and Lord Listowell well supply that need. As to Lord Listowel he is known to India for his long standing interest in Indian affairs and sympathy for Indian aspirations. And India confidently hopes with Major Wyatt that the new Secretary of State "will most conscientiously try to carry out the task of handing over India's independence".

Wise And Welcome Decision

We are glad that the leaders of the B.E.S.T. Union decided at last to call off the strike. But we wish there was more grace in the decision than the statements show. It is natural for the strikers to be sore. And in that state of mentality people feel tempted to find wrong excuses and scapegoats. The leaders, in this case, seek to make the Government of Bombay the 'deux ex machina' of a failure which from beginning to the end was no fault of the Government. But all this can be overlooked. What the sympathisers of the B.E.S.T. workers must deeply deplore is the decision not to co-operate with the Adjudicator but to boycott the Industrial Court proceedings. Deliberately to let their case go by default is not wisdom or commonsense but unthinking childishness, and childishness which, because their case will not be presented, will injure their own interests. They can lose nothing by participating in the proceedings of the Industrial Court. On the contrary they may well gain substantially in respect of their demands. And by fighting out and thus publicly explaining their case they may also gain in respect of public sympathy which is always a great asset and which will prove a greater asset in the future. We hope wiser counsels will prevail and the Union will eventually revise its boycott decision.

An Appeal To Government

In the meantime, while we welcome the restoration of the Bus and Tram services, we regret the decision of the authorities to arrest the Union's General Secretary, Mr. G. G. Mehta on the charge of making certain unauthorised speeches. There is no intention to discuss the legal aspects of the case which is now before a court. What we want to ask is: was it advisable for the authorities to take proceedings against Mr. Mehta and is it advisable to press on with them? Government have, during the long period of strike, acted with commendable patience, imagination and sympathy so that, apart from other things they refrained from declaring the strike illegal, for instance, which they could have done. Why not close the whole episode of the strike in the same spirit of sympathy which Government have displayed throughout and enable all parties to open a new chapter without bitterness or resentment? We would earnestly plead with the Government to withdraw the case against Mr. Mehta and thus make a gesture which, we hope, will evoke a favourable response from the Union. The interests of the workers which Government has undoubtedly at heart require that their case be represented at the Industrial Court. This gesture will help to induce them to revise their boycott decision.

Sardar Patel Pulls Up Striking Teachers

Stop Reducing Yourself To Level Of "Wage-Earning Labourers" And Society Will Give You Fair Deal

BARDOLI, April 18 (A.P.I.): In spite of unprecedented cyclonic weather thousands of agriculturists came to greet Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel yesterday afternoon. The rain began when Sardar was addressing a public meeting. Over 20,000 persons gathered in the Swaraj Ashram ground and listened with rapt attention to the advice given by their leader in regard to the relations between the peasants and the labourers and the grow-more-food movement. Sardar was visibly moved to see those who were with him from the times of the No-tax Campaign in Bardoli when he won his title of Sardar.

Teachers of primary schools of Surat district who were in accordance with the Bombay Governments decision learning handicrafts in various Ashrams in the taluka were present at the meeting.

HOW TEACHERS FELL

Addressing the teachers at the instance of Sjt. Kalyanji Mehta, President of the Surat District Local Board, Sardar Patel counselled them to work sincerely and regain their lost status in the country. The teachers were once the most respected men in every village in India. They were not then asking for higher wages and facilities. People who took their advice before they did anything in the village used to supply their needs. Now the teachers were imitating the labourers in the factories. They have become machines putting up a certain number of hours of work in the schools. At least in the factories there was the Mukadam, who insisted upon the workers putting up a certain quota of work. The teachers had not even this biding at present and he result was there were complaints from the parents that their children learnt nothing in the schools.

The teachers were the builders of the nation. Because they were insincere in their work, the society that respected them is now spurning them. People no more brought the things needed by the "Guru" to the teachers' houses. Now the teachers have started their organisation and held the threat of a strike, if they were not given a certain remuneration. But the society has now come to believe that even if the teachers went on strike nothing much would be lost. This was a shameful condition.

The teachers have come to Bardoli for learning homecrafts. The homecrafts were not all. It was not mere spinning that will help the students. The teachers should learn and teach their students to serve society. They should not be mere "Bhaduth (working for wages) labourers."

Sardar referred to the teachers' strike in Bombay and said that the teachers were imitating the labourers. The labourers complained that Congress sided with capitalists and they were asking for and more amenities. There were no strikes when the British rule was on. Then strike leaders used to be clapped in jail. The essential services were affected by strikes. Even after their demands were conceded, the workers did not set aside their methods.

LOSS IN NATIONAL WEALTH

Sardar pointed out that in the West the workers did fight. But they did not launch a strike every day. But once their fight was over they returned to work with full zeal. Here in India on one hand there is a fall in production an on the other a demand for higher wages. The result was loss in national wealth. If the labourers wanted more money and wanted to work less from where are we going to bring money to pay them —from England? Sardar asked.

AT SEVA DAL RALLY

This morning Sardar Patel met the Surat District and City Seva Dal force. A rally which was to have been held was abandoned owing to rain.

Sardar Patel advised the Seva Dal to educate its members on the subject of helping society in several ways. During the 1942 fight the volunteers were more or less engaged in taking out 'prabhat feries' and keeping the fire of freedom burning. They were useful in creating a certain atmosphere in the country. Now the fight was over and the conditions in the country were changing. Now the Seva Dal should learn to serve society.

WORK DURING STRIKE

Sardar Patel said that in Surat when the municipal workers were on strike the Seva Dal did useful work. They helped to run even the fire brigade. The Seva Dal were not there to break the strike of the workers. Their work would be useful in sparing society the difficulties arising out of the strike of men in essential services.

Even as the military is now being used on occasions when there is a strike in an essential service the Seva Dal, which was not organised for wielding lathis and guns should be ready to step in where it was possible they could help society.

Sardar Patel advised them to learn politeness and service.

DROPS VISIT TO NAVSARI

Owing to the rain Sardar Patel has cancelled his visit to Navsari. The road between Bardoli and Navsari has been rendered unpassable by the rains. Sardar will arrive in Surat this evening and will leave for Bombay tonight.

DR. D.K. KARVE FELICITATED ON 90TH BIRTHDAY

BOMBAY, Friday.

Dr. D. K. Karve was felicitated by his friends and admirers at the Bombay Studio, Malad, last night on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Government of Bombay, presided.

Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister of Bombay in a message which was read by the Home Minister said: "Dr. Karve's name is a household word throughout Maharashtra and that is the greatest tribute paid to him. May he live to be a full hundred years of age and continue his good work.".

Mr. H. A. Kolhatkar on behalf of Sunrich Pictures, Ltd., congratulated Dr. Karve on his 90th birthday and wished him long life.

Seth Shambulal Jobanputra announced that it was his intention to produce biographies of prominent personalities of India and the next subject on his programme would be the life sketch of Dr. D. K. Karve and the picture would be produced in three different languages which would be ready for release by the end of this year.

Nonagenarian Founder Of Women's University

Dr. D. K. Karve, founder of the Indian Women's University, who entered upon his 90th year on 18th April, was born in a small village in the Konkan. He was not able to learn any English till his 18th year. Later on, he decided to take the risk to come to Bombay and was admitted to the 5th standard in the Robert Money School, where he was able to get scholarships and passed the Matriculation examination in three years.

As A Student

Though he could have got free meals from friendly families, as poor students often did at that time, he did not take advantage of any such facility and managed to maintain himself with great difficulty, clubbing together with other poor students, who cooked their own food and spent as little as possible.

After passing his Matriculation examination he joined the Wilson College, Bombay, which used to be where the Wilson High School stands now. There too, he got a scholarship, but though he passed the Previous examination in the second class, he decided to join the Elphinstone College to take advantage of the teaching of the famous Prof. Wordsworth, who was Principal at the time and who admitted Mr. Karve with three other friends from the Wilson College as free students. The Elphinstone College stood then opposite the Victoria Gardens and these students used to go to the Mahaluxmi station by train from Charni Road or Grant Road and thence on foot. Mr. Karve went the whole distance on foot for one term to save the expense. It used to be only a 3-year course at the time and he graduated without any mishap at the age of 27.

An unmarried college student was an exception in those days and Mr. Karve was not only married but had a 3-year old son by the time he graduated. Six months before that, he had established himself in Bombay with his wife and son and another friend as a joint family. Mr. Karve used to earn money by tuitions, which he continued to do till he left Bombay. He was also employed for some time at the Elphinstone High School as a substitute and could even have got a permanent job, but decided not to enter Government service and joined a private school started by Rajaramshastri Bhagvat, a well-known scholar of those days. Later this gentleman started a separate school, known as the Maratha High School where Mr. Karve was one of the principal teachers and used to earn Rs. 15 per month, for teaching two hours per day, and later on, when conditions improved, Rs. 50/- a month for three hours per day. He wanted to become a Life Member of the Institution, but it was not to be.

The late Mr. G. K. Gokhale was then a Professor of Mathematics at the Fergusson College in Poona, which Mr. Tilak had just left and, as it became a full-grade college in 1891, they wanted another Professor for Mathematics. This post was offered to Mr. Karve at the suggestion of Mr. Gokhale, who had been his fellow-student at the Elphinstone College. Naturally Mr. Karve accepted the job and became a resident of Poona. He had lost his wife by this time, but her widowed sister accompanied him to Poona to look after his household.

Sounds Widows' Home

His later life is much better known to the public. He had thought long over the condition of Hindu widows and in 1893, he married a widow himself and was ostracized by the orthodox in his own village, where he had been a "persona grata" so far. Three years later he founded the Hindu Widows' Home Association to conduct a home situated about four miles from Poona, at Hingne-Budruk. This was the beginning from which developed a girls' high school and later the Indian Women's University whose headquarters were later transferred to Bombay according to a condition laid down by the late Sir Vithaldas Thackersey, who had donated the equivalent of 16 lacs in Government Paper to this University. The University has recently obtained Government recognition for its degrees and will probably be soon granted a Charter.

It is gratifying to learn that the Girls' High School run by this University in Bombay, known as the Nathibai Thackersey Kanyashala, will shortly acquire its own building in Girgaum, relying as usual on the generous support of the public for funds. This building is to be called the Karve Building for the Nathibai Thackersey Kanyashala.

U. S. Trade Mission To India

NEW YORK, April 18 (Reuter): Approval for sending a United States Trade Mission to India has been granted by the Under-Secretary of State Mr. William Clayton, and the group will probably go this winter to establish closer contacts between private American enterprise and the Indian business community.

This was disclosed here by Mr. Henry F. Grady, the newly appointed United States Ambassador to India, in an informal speech before the Indian Committe of the National Foreign Trade Council. The United States, he added, will constitute an important source of capital equipment for the development of Indian industry.

Liaquat's Appeal To Viceroy

NEW DELHI, April 18 (U.P.I.): The Honorary General Secretary of the All-India Muslim League, Mr. Liaquatali Khan, is understood to have sent a letter to the Viceroy urging the desirability o fgiving a chance to the League Party in the Punjab Assembly to form a ministry in the Punjab.

The letter is understood to have traced the history of the past events and drawn the attention of the Viceroy to the alleged grfievances of the Muslims in that Province.

The letter is also reported to have asked the Viceroy to impress upon the Punjab Governor the desirability of asking the League to form a ministry in order to check the communal situation from further deterioration.

The letter is understood to conclude by saying that the League Party is now in a position to form the ministry in the Punjab.

SOVIET MOVE ON U. S. AID TO GREECE RULED OUT

NEW YORK, April 18, (A.P.A.): Russia's efforts to place American aid to Greece under United Nations' supervision were doomed by a majority opposition in the Security Council today.

Britain and France announced that they were opposed to the Soviet move for a special Security Council Commission to supervise the Greek part of President Truman's dol. 400 000.000 Greco-Turkish aid programme.

NEW THREAT TO TEXAS CITY

Another Oil Tank Explosion Feared

NEW YORK, April 18, (Reuter): The evacuation of the lower part of the stricken Texas City was ordered as fresh fires and shifting winds added new threats to the town.

A swing of the wind to the south was last night threatening to spread the flames in a refinery area and a Deputy Sheriff said: "We are expecting another oil tank explosion at any moment and we want everyone to get as far away as possible".

ANOTHER SHIP DESTROYED

Raging oil fires last night still threatened leaking high octane petrol tanks, as Texas city tried valiantly to recover from the shattering explosions, which took place during the day. In one of these explosions another ship was destroyed and an official "state of emergency" exists on the orders of the Governor.

EXACT DEATH-ROLL NOT KNOWN

By yesterday evening 400 people were known to have been killed and Red-Cross Headquarters in Washington said that another 250 to 375 were believed to have been killed, while the injured were put at 3,000.

Some officials thought that the death-roll might never be known.

An immediate Congressional inquiry into the disaster has meanwhile been demanded in Washington by Democratic Senator Lee Odcnel of Texas.

WILL COST 50 MILLIONS TO INSURANCE COMPANIES

CHICAGO, April 18, (Reuter): Insurance sources in Chicago said today that the Texas City disaster would cost insurance companies at least 50,000,000 dollars—possibly double that amount.

The largest item will be 15,000,000 dollars for the Monsanto Chemical plant.

MARKED EFFECT ON OIL AND RUBBER

NEW YORK, April 17, (Reuter): Some oil traders believe that the loss of the refinery capacity at Texas City as a result of yesterday's explosion might prove sufficiently serious to affect the Texas production of refined petroleum products thereby reducing the demand for crude oil.

Rubber circles say that the destruction of the plant of the Monsanto Chemical Company will have a marked effect on the United States synthetic rubber supply for passenger car tyres.

India To Get Back Kohinoor?

LONDON, April 17 (Reuter): The Secretary of State for India, Lord Pethick-Lawrence, is considering the whole question of return to India of historic documents and relics relating to that country which are now held in Britain, according to informed sources here.

Last week-end it was reported that the Government of India was claiming 10,000 art treasures, books, manuscripts and historical records as well as the Kohinoor diamond which is the Centre piece of the Queen's Crown.

Lord Pethick-Lawrence's consideration regarding the return of art treasures and documents does not have any effect on the reported request for the Kohinoor diamond, according to a certain source. There are indications that the question of return of this is likely to be a matter for personal decision of King George VI on his return to London from the South Africa tour. Their Majesties will be back in Buckingham Palace on Monday, May 12, though they arrive at Portsmouth in the battleship "Vanguard" the previous day.

When the Curator of the Indian Section of the Victoria and Albert Museum here was asked whether he had been requested to make an inventory of the treasures claimed by or belonging to the Government of India, he replied no. "As far as I am aware there are no treasures in the museum which could be claimed by India. A majority of the documents which are claimed are held by the India Office."

MAHATMA'S CALL TO BIHARSHARIF HINDUS

PATNA, April 17 (APD): Mahatma Gandhi stated in his post-prayer speech this evening that some Muslims of Biharsharif who met him today told him that in certain areas the feeling of repentance among the Hindus was still lacking and that there had also been cases of intimidation as the result of which they were fearful of returning back to their homes. He felt ashamed that the Hindus of Bihar had lived with Muslims like brothers even sometime back had underwent such a change that they were behaving with the latter like enemies.

He had also received similar reports from Monghyr and he had a mind to visit Biharsharif and Monghyr. He appealed, however, to the Hindus to act in such a manner as not to make it necessary for him to undertake such a journey.

Vijayalaxmi To Be India's Envoy To Moscow?

LONDON, April 18 (UPD): While no authentic information could be obtained in London as to who is going to be appointed India's first Ambassador to Moscow, the London "News Chronicle", is sure that it will be Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit. It said so yesterday, and again to-day under the headline "India's Envoy to Moscow". It prints Mrs. Pandit's photograph and described it as "Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, 40-year-old sister of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who is to be India's first Ambassador to Moscow.

LISTOWEL WILL HELP SPEEDY TRANFER OF POWER

LONDON, April 18 (Reuter): In a farewell message to the people of India and Burma, Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary of State, promised them his continued interest in their affairs and aspirations.

"It is a deep disappointment to me that I find myself unable to remain in office until the transference of power in India and Burma has completed," said Lord Pethick-Lawrence. "but though I am laying down my heavy responsibilities, my intense interest in the future of India and Burma remains and I sent to their peoples my best wishes for their happiness and prosperity."

Lord Listowel, the newly appointed Secretary of State for India, at the outset of his period of office today gave Reuter the following exclusive message for the peoples of India and Burma."

"For the second time I enter the service of India and Burma. It is my privilege now to help bridge the short interval before complete self-government is reached in both those countries. We in Britain are now bringing to fulfilment the policy to which we have pledged ourselves in both countries. It will be my aim to play my part in ensuring that the transfer of power is speedy as well as smooth and to lay the foundation of what I trust and believe will be abiding friendship between Britain and India and Burma alike."

It is understood that Lord Listowel will take up his new appointment next Wednesday.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"Are we really to pay an enormous reparation (the Sterling Balances) to India for saving her from Japanese invasion? During the war India was a profiteers' paradise. Are we going to foot the profiteers' Bill? If not why has not the Chancellor long since sent in a bill to India for saving her from the disaster of the Japanese conflict?"
—Mr. Brendan Bracken, M.P., Mr. Winston Churchill's lieutenant.

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We are sorry for the retirement of Lord Pethick-Lawrence from his office as Secretary of State for India. He is a nice old man.

But what we are keenly looking forward to is an indignant demand from Mr. Churchill as to the reason for his "dismissal." And we do hope Lord Pethick-Lawrence obliges.

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Reuters has given further extracts from Mr. Casey's book "an Australian In India."

All that we want to, and need, say is that the extracts furnish further proofs that either Mr. Casey or Reuters is deeply imbued with the spirit of partiality.

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In a statement commending the Gandhi-Jinnah appeal, Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyar suggests that in order to resolve the political deadlock, there should immediately be held a Round Table Conference of leaders of the Congress the Muslim League, the Sikhs, the Christians and the States' representatives.

"States representatives"? of course, of course.

But the expression does need some clarification. Or does it?

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Sir "C.P." is further reported to have emphasised that "some States, including Travancore, have also expressed the opinion that even if an all-India Union becomes impracticable, there will be no objection to their co-operating on the basis of a strong Union or federal structure with complete autonomy within the respective States, coupled with the delegation of all essential powers and jurisdiction to the central authority."

Now what's that? Unless this particular part of the report is both inaccurate and unauthorised.

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Apropos of the report regarding the League's alleged response to the Congress invitation, the A.P.I. has now identified the unnamed member of the Muslim League Working Committee as the Honourable Mr. Hosain Imam.

But we think there is a simple and convincing explanation in favour of Mr. Hossain Imam. Very simple explanation.

It is this: Mr. Hossain Imam in actual fact gave no interview at all. It was a mere and unfortunate accident that a reporter happened to be present unnoticed when Mr. Imam was just recalling certain comments mentally but aloud. And the echoes of some snatches of that audible musing reached the A.P.I. reporter's ears. That's all.

Alternatively, of course, the report is quite unfounded.

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THE HAGUE, April 17: Holland and India have decided to exchange ambassadors, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced today.
—Reuter

Not, we hope, trying to forestall Indo-Indonesian relations?

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About a hundred M P's have written to Mr. Henry Wallace expressing "sincere thanks and warm appreciation of the contribution you have made to the interests of the world's peace."

It is only to be hoped that Mr. Wallace doesn't unmake his contribution while he is in, talking about, the Middle East and Palestine. But only to be hoped.

Cyclonic Storm Loses Fury

Heavy Rains At Baroda, Surat & South Gujerat

POONA, April 18 (A.P.I.).—The four-day old cyclonic storm in the Arabian Sea has lost all its fury and this evening it was reported dissipating near Surat. Weather experts expect that by tonight or tomorrow morning it will have lost completely its strength.

While reports of damage caused by the cyclone are not available, it is feared that Bhavnagar, is cut off from the rest of the land as the hourly reports received by the Meteorological Office from that station has ceased to come in since last night.

Heavy rains have occurred in the parts affected by the storm and whilst Baroda recorded three inches of rain in the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. today, Jambusar in South Gujerat had 5.2 inches of rain during that time.

Surat today is having incessant rains and in the nine hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. recorded two inches. It was continuing raining heavily even after that according to meteorological reports.

Plea For Revision Of Anglo-Iraq Treaty

BAGDAD, April 18 (Reuter): In a debate last night, on the new Iraq Cabinet's policy towards Britain, members of the Iraqi Parliament demanded the immediate revision of the Anglo-Iraq Treaty of 1930.

One speaker urged the Premier, Salih Jabur, to get back all of Iraq's sterling balances accumulated in Britain.

SHILLONG, April 17 (APD): Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, Premier of Assam, Mr. A. V. Thakkar, and Sir B. R. Rau have left for the Lushai Hills.

FROM FIGHTERS TO BUILDERS OF FREE INDIA

New Tasks Face The Press

Devadas Gandhi's Call And Warning

Charter For The Journalist Must Follow Establishment Of National Freedom

MADRAS, April 18. (A.P.I.): "I shall not disagree with the view that the press must keep its powder dry to defend itself against encroachments on its rights which may in due course develop even from the side of Popular Governments", said Mr. Devadas Gandhi Managing Editor, "Hindustan Times", in his presidential address at the sixth session of the All-India Newspaper Editors Conference held in Madras.

He added: "We are jealous of our freedom and we shall soon wish to claim a charter from the Government of independent India after it has come into being next year." But he was sure that the leaders who fought for and won the freedom of the people would regard the freedom of the press inside a free India as a sacred obligation.

Referring to the role the newspapers have to play in this critical juncture of India's history Mr. Devadas Gandhi said that a very grave responsibility rested on their shoulders during this period of difficult transition through which the country was passing. The press may easily be regarded, he said, as coming next perhaps to the army itself as an instrument of order and security. It is no exaggeration to say that they are looked up to in this respect not only by the leaders, to whom they owe so much, but also by the people at large.

TEXT OF SPEECH

After reviewing the part the press has played since 1940 Mr. Gandhi said: 'The press in India is now adjusting itself to a complete transformation of scene. Does it not seem but yesterday when we were engaged in grimly fighting the battle of the "National Herald" and "Harijan" with little hope of stable success? Today the "National Herald" is digging its toes in under ideal conditions of popularity, prestige and security and Harijan is in need of ever-increasing supplies of paper for its expanding circulation in all the languages of the land. On the other hand, the old privileged class of newspapers no longer causes the heart-burning of the age that has gone by. The problems and duties of yesterday are not valid today.

"We are no longer struggling to maintain a precarious balance between honour and expediency under an alien regime. Freedom is on the horizon. It has appeared sooner than many of us dared expect. We have played a part in its achievement. But it may be true to say that the press of 30 or 40 years ago contributed more to the great consummation we seem to be about to witness than the newspapers of later years. Let us pay that tribute ungrudgingly to our illustrious predecessors. We proudly salute them as we go forward to witness with our own eyes the result of their exertions and sacrifices.

"But the change has also wrought a revolution in our problems and responsibilities. The A.I.N.E.C. has a new mission. We have now the equivalent of a National Government at the centre which needs our help and co-operation. The old conflict between the press and the state has vanished overnight.

"I shall not disagree with the view that the press must keep its powder dry to defend itself against encroachments on its rights which may in due course develop even from the side of popular governments. We are jealous of our freedom and we shall soon wish to claim a charter from the Government of independent India after it has come into being next year. But it is axiomatic. I am sure, that the leaders who fought for and won the freedom of the people will regard the freedom of the press inside a free India as a sacred obligation.

"The Committee appointed by Government to suggest modifications in the existing press laws is already at work. I recall here what Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Minister in the Interim Government most closely connected with the affairs of the Press, said addressing the Standing Committee of this Conference in October last in Delhi: "We shall scrupulously respect the freedom of the press; in fact, we shall help it to exercise its legitimate functions."

"That is the unalterable position, to which all that we, the direct representatives of the press, need add is that while we have every confidence that the Government will faithfully carry out their intentions to the fullest extent, the press must ever maintain itself in a condition of organized preparedness to guard and uphold its freedom under any situation that the years to come may unfold.

NEW RESPONSIBILITY

But we cannot tarry on this theme today. Duty beckons us in a different direction. A very grave responsibility rests on our shoulders during this period of difficult transition through which the country is passing. India rightly expects her newspapers to take an active hand at this critical juncture in the shaping of her destiny. As an institution owing its stability and independent means of existence to the continuous support of the people, the press is in a position of special advantage and has a heavy debt to repay. In the peculiar circumstances of our country, the press may easily be regarded as coming next perhaps to the army itself as an instrument of order and security. It is no exaggeration to say that we are looked up to in this respect not only by the leaders, to whom we owe so much, but also by the people at large. The written word has a magic more potent in India than in many another country. We have, therefore, a positive and a negative duty to perform. That duty is to cut across normal notions of journalism to the utmost extent compatible with our fundamental obligations and to concentrate on printing the word that will soothe and help and eliminate everything which will irritate and hinder. I know from my own bitter daily experience with reference to my own paper how difficult the task is. But conscious and relentless effort in the direction we all know to be the right one must lead to success. Even the least effort helps.

CODE OF SELF-CONDUCT

In concrete terms, we have the 'code' of rules framed in October last by some of us and recognized by the Government of India as meeting the minimum requirement of the situation.

The precise details of the code do not seem to take us very far. But the preamble makes up for it. "The press should not only refrain from publishing matter calculated to aggravate communal tension, but should contribute in a positive way to the restoration of peaceful conditions in the country." It says: "No newspaper man who keeps that constantly in mind can go wrong. Some of us may wish the 'code' to be made more precise and even stiffened. That is the way my inclination goes. I would for example, make a special case of unrestrained and provocative editorial comment and place it in the same class with baseless or exaggerated "news". And, heretical though it may seem, are we not now passing through times when it has become the duty of newspapers to exercise due discrimination in the publication even of factual accounts of certain types of events. A riot or a serious crime of a communal character handled in the normal way would first be reported in bare outline. Then would follow in succession an eye-witness account, an interview or two with victims. And finally a completed story in full detail. These processes may be spread over a fortnight in the course of which the worst passions would be aroused and fresh incidents would occur in other places which may be traceable to the multiplicity of the reports appearing in newspapers. This obviously needs to be remedied if the very object for which we exist is not to become a source of evil.

NOT SUPPRESSION OF NEWS

This is no plea for the suppression of news. That does not help. But we see nearly every day how news is often twisted and exaggerated and displayed and emphasized and re-emphasized in a manner which goes beyond all legitimate bounds of discretion. What I should, therefore, readily agree to, under the present emergency, is a specific rule enjoining the exercise of the greatest moderation both in the display and the description of incidents of a communal character. There may be other suggestions. Regarding the prohibition against the naming of communities involved on either side of a conflict, there is a genuine case for a revision of the rule. Conscientious reporters trying to observe the rule have found themselves led into absurdities. But any relaxation should, I feel, aim at a sensible interpretation and not a nullification of the existing provision.

This is all very discouraging from our strict professional point of view. One reason why we are deeply interested in a return to normal conditions is that we ourselves feel stifled in the present situation. We are called upon to conform to conditions and rules which are hard to reconcile with our basic obligation to publish all the news to enable the people to arrive at correct conclusions. But the strange times we are passing through call for strange remedies. The problem, of course, affects the north much more than the south. Many of us know of the conscious efforts made by newspapers to prevent undesirable forms of publicity. But there is scope everywhere for greater vigilance.

DOMESTIC ANXIETIES

It is highly unfortunate that everything should at present be overshadowed by the communal distemper. We of the press share in the general unsettlement. It seems almost odd that we should be devoting ourselves in this ostentatious fashion to our own exclusive affairs. We do so with due apologies. One of our domestic anxieties relates to the way in which some of the Provincial Governments are treating the press. I will not enter into details. We shall be discussing the matter at this session. But I do venture to express the hope that all Provincial Governments, irrespective of party affiliations, will see the wisdom of regarding the press as one and indivisible throughout India. It will be in the interests of the Governments concerned to do so and to allow this organization to use its good offices for the promotion of harmonious relations between the State and the Press.

This brings me to the question of the unity of the press as such. Ours is a wonderful example of cohesion and strength. It is a tribute to the sagacity of all sections of the press that the foundation of co-operation and collaboration laid at the 1940 Conference has endured through the stresses and strains of the past six years. But there is a section of the Muslim press which has thought fit to keep aloof. This is surprising; for, if I may say so, our differences are few and common problems and needs many. I hope that the supposed ideological differences will not prevent them for long from joining us on professional grounds.

RISE OF INDIAN LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS

In the technical and economic spheres, newspapers in India have done extremely well during the past decade. May that progress continue. We note with the utmost satisfaction that this double-track progress is not confined to the English language press, which is being fast outstripped by newspapers published in the languages of the soil. This is as it should be. I do not, however, anticipate a black-out of the English language newspapers in this country. The march of time will not permit that to happen. The two wings will, therefore, co-exist for many a year to come in the service of the people of India. I hope we shall not be slow in using the resources and opportunities at our disposal to the utmost advantage of the motherland. I feel almost obsessed with the thought that we may have greater burdens to bear than we realize today. The nation-builders of India will need more and more of our co-operation in the years immediately ahead and it must be ungrudgingly given to the full extent of our capacity. Let us not forget that India does not possess an over-abundance of organized talent on which she can readily and implicitly count. The press cannot, so to speak, afford to go on a holiday. We shall soon realize, therefore, that whether it is in the sphere of social reform, education, art, civic, public hygiene, the uplift of women or planning of any kind the people as well as the leaders of India are going to rely to an increasing extent on the active support we can give them. We shall then be the willing conscripts of the nation and shall have little time or inclination to indulge in the petty mutual professional rivalries so ruinous to our morals.

BACKWARD INDIA

With all her vaunted heritage, India is pitifully backward in many ways. I do not wish to search for the cause. No feature of that backwardness can be so glaring as the absence of a news agency which we can call our own. I hardly like to confess to an outsider that we have had nothing in our country to correspond to the great well-known channels of news that serve the highest interests of the people and the press in many advanced countries. Happily there is little obstacle now in the way of our organizing an indigenous news agency. Some of us have been actively applying our minds to the task during the past three years. Tangible results, I believe, are now at hand and I know that you would wish me to convey your blessings to the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society in the talks it is engaged in with foreign agencies now operating in India with the object of inaugurating an Indian News Agency in the shortest possible time.

ASIAN RELATIONS CONFERENCE

"The world has recently witnessed a remarkable phenomenon in the shape of the Asian Relations Conference, for which it would be difficult to find a parallel in the history of Asia. It was a source of inspiration to many of us to realise that in New Delhi was being brought into existence an organisation which had as its ultimate object the peace of the world. The choice of India as the venue was amply justified by results and it is a matter for satisfaction that the success of the conference has been favourably commented upon in the west.

The press of the various Asian countries concerned will have to take its due share in the furtherance of the objects of the Asian Relations Conference. There is no conflict between the movement for inter-Asian press contacts and the concept of world press unity. In fact the Press of India may well hope to provide the common meeting ground between the Press of Asia and the Press of the rest of the world.

Here again it must be one of our recognised functions to devote greater space to news of Asian countries to interpret with sympathy and understanding developments in those countries and to foster friendly relations among the people of Asia".

INNER MAN OF THE FRATERNITY

A word about the inner man of the fraternity. The minimum standards laid down by the A.I.E.N.S. after exhaustive all-round consultations was a good beginning. I am afraid, however, that even these standards are observed more in the breach by the majority of proprietors in India, though I do not believe that that applies to registered members of the A.I.N.E.C.

It must be realized that the expected improvement in the cost of living has been long overdue and may never actually arrive. I doubt if it would be possible or feasible to undertake another investigation and to modify the agreed recommendations which were arrived at with considerable difficulty in 1945.

But while those who still do not conform to these proposals—and it is important to observe that they are meant to be carried out as a whole—must do so, I would urge individual proprietors to go as far beyond the proposals as they possibly can to satisfy the legitimate demands of those who produce their papers.

Let not the maximum be confounded with the minimum, I do not however, wish to be misunderstood as making any plea for an increase in the salaries of those who already are paid more than a living wage on any calculation.

Friends as we look around us, we see our dear country passing through a rough transition to independence.

I would rather not elaborate the point for fear of entering into controversy, which is best avoided. The joint public appeal just issued by Jinnah and Gandhiji has come like a heartening whiff of fresh air and has the conscious and earnest support of countless millions.

We endorse the sentiments so well expressed by the leaders and send them our best wishes and an assurance of our wholehearted co-operation.

We have talked of independence being on the horizon. We do not like the scarlet that accompanies it. But it must surely disappear when the sun comes into full view

WELCOME ADDRESS

Mr. A. A. Hayles, Editor, "The Mail", Madras, and chairman of the Reception Committee, welcoming the delegates and guests said:—

We meet to discuss those problems affecting our profession and our duties as editors that have emerged during the past twelve months. The retiring President, Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, will tell you how they have been handled so far. his successor, Mr. Devadas Gandhi, will tell you how they may be handled in the coming year. Both will tell you that in whatever they have done, or may do, they have not failed to remember the high purpose of the conference. This is "to preserve the high traditions and standards of journalism; and to safeguard the rights of the press in general. and in particular the freedom of publication of news and comment".

FREEDOM IN PERIL

That freedom was never in greater danger than at present when the ever pressing fear of communal and sectional strife cause Governments in India, and many outside India, to seek to censor news, or to impose a blackout of certain classes of news. It is to the credit of the press in India that they were the first to realise the danger of unchecked publicity concerning communal riots, outrages and the like. They volunteered to act as censors of such news, and have kept their pledges. Some of us, and I acknowledge myself to be among them, think that such censorship can do more harm than good in that it gives lying rumour and unbridled exaggeration free reign. It may be that this conference will hold that the time has come to insist that the facts be printed fully. and that no newspaper be penalised for publishing them.

The prudent and the wise will, of course, continue to refrain from inflammatory presentation of the facts, and from provocative comment thereon. Those who refuse to exercise such self-restraint are unworthy members of the profession, and unfit to be members of this conference. For we here recognise that with freedom goes responsibility, and act accordingly.

PRESS AND GOVT.

Another function of this conference is to represent the press particularly in its relations with Government. This does not mean that the committees it appoints to act as "liaison" bodies are meek and humble seekers for Government favours. They stand on, and for, the rights of the press. They go to the Government not as supplicants but as advisers, initiators and friends. I stress the independence of the conference, as I understand it, and the rules by which it works, because of late there has been a tendency in high places to patronise the press, to admonish it, and, at times, to threaten it. On the other hand, some members of the profession have approached the Government seeking favours which, if granted, must embarrass it, or go far to destroy that independence which is the buttress of the freedom for which this conference stands. The Government in their control of the channels of speedy telegraphic communication already possess a means of coercion that might be used to fetter the press. Happily, they have not so used it hitherto The conference should, however, keep the possibility in mind.

Future Of AINEC

Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, retiring President, in inviting Mr. Devadas Gandhi to take the chair said:—

Friends: In reviewing the working of the conference the first thing that strikes me is the future of the A.I.N.E.C. This great organisation of ours has done immense good to the press and we must do our best to ensure that it continues its useful work. But the situation has now changed. We had a Gentleman's Agreement with the Government of India during the years of war and the Government of India was in a position to direct the local Governments to honour that agreement. But today Section 93 Rule is gone and the provinces are governed by popular Ministries, who are as good as independent of the Government of India. In so far as dealing with the press is concerned our Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel made this clear to us at a meeting of the Standing Committee at Bombay. The Conference has to decide what course the A.I.N.E.C. is to adopt to maintain its usefulness.

Last year the A.I.N.E.C. did some notable things.

PRESS LAWS

As a result of continuous efforts it has been finally possible to persuade the Government of India to appoint a Press Laws Committee to revise the draconian press laws. With a personnel in which we are adequately represented. I have no doubt that this Committee will fulfil the great purpose for which it has been appointed namely, to review the press laws and put forward recommendations intended to bring the press laws of India in line with the laws prevailing in other free and democratic countries.

During the last year the country has been passing through critical times. While the political scene has changed rapidly, communal conflict has entered a dangerous phase and the press has been faced with serious difficulties. While the press has willingly accepted several legal and other restrictions on its freedom, it is unfortunate that some of the Provincial Governments have not administered the law with a standard of impartiality expected of them.

These powers have been in several cases abused for furthering the communal ends which they were intended to counteract. In the circumstances the press has to decide in what manner this new danger to its freedom should be met.

My successor has broad shoulders. I have no doubt he will be able to give a bold lead to the press at this juncture since above everything else, the press has to see how best it can render the greatest service to its masters—the readers.

NOMINATIONS TO STANDING COMMITTEE

MADRAS, April 18. (A. P. I.): Reassembling after tea interval, the Conference called for nomination of candidates to the new Standing Committee.

Later, after some discussion, the whole conference decided to sit as Subjects Committee and consider the resolutions. A Drafting Committee was appointed to draft resolutions.

Voting papers for election to the Standing Committee will be available to the members at the Banquetting Hall, at 9-30 a.m., on Saturday, the 19th instant. Voting will close at 10-30 a.m. The Subjects Committee will re-assemble at 10-45 a.m., Saturday.

"EMINENTLY FITTED FOR AMBASSADOR'S POST."

MADRAS, April 18, (A. P. I.): Growing tributes were paid to Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, the retiring president of the A. I. N. E. C. at today's session of the conference.

Referring to his "amiable manners, pleasing conduct and supreme cleverness" Sir Francis Low said, Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh has eminently fitted for an Ambassador's post in any part of the world.

Mr. C. R. Srinivasan's resolution placing on record the varied services rendered by Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh was passed unanimously.

COMMUNIST ADJOURNMENT MOTION RULED OUT

MADRAS, April 18 (API).—In the Madras Assembly today, the Speaker Mr. G. Siva Shanmugampillai, ruled out of order an adjournment motion tabled by Mr. P. Venkateswarlu (Communist) which sought to discuss the conduct of the Government in detaining Mr. K. Anandan Nambiar, Communist member of the House, under the Public Safety Act, merely preventing him from discharging his duties to the railway workers of the province who had elected him."

The Speaker held that the adjournment motion raised an important issue whether a member of the Legislature was free from arrest or detention. Members in the House of Commons, he said, were not liable to arrest except for criminal offences. Members of the provincial assemblies in India, constituted under the Government of India Act did not enjoy the same privileges as those of the House of Commons. The motion was therefore out of order.

The Speaker, however, assured the House that he would take in hand the question of introducing a bill to enhance the privilege of the members of the House.

All-India Newspapers Exhibition

Under the auspices of the Bharat Jivan Sahitya Mandal of Hyderabad (Sind), an All-India Newspapers and Literature exhibition will be held in that city from 15th May to 3rd June, 1947.

KALAT STATE'S BID FOR INDEPENDENCE

QUETTA, April 17 (UPI).—The Private Secretary of H.H. the Khan of Kalat has issued an official statement in the form of a pamphlet in Urdu further clarifying the Khan's previous press interview regarding the future of the Kalat State. He says that by the termination of paramountcy Kalat will become independent both internally and externally and will make friendly treaties with Pakistan, Hindustan, Afghanistan, Iran and other countries. His Highness will become a constitutional monarch.

The Khan's Secretary further claims that Mr. Jinnah has lent his support to the independence of the Kalat State and promised his help to Kalat in getting back the territories leased to British Government, including Quetta, the four Tahsils of Baluchistan and other Baluch areas.

The Muslim League circles plead ignorance about Mr. Jinnah's support to Kalat, and have deputed their President to seek clarification from the League President.

FIVE LAKH BRITISH SPINDLES IDLE

Annual Report Of Cotton Dealers' Association

LONDON, April 17 (Reuter).—More than 500,000 spindles in the cotton industry remain idle because the mills have not been able to reopen after war-time concentration.

Twenty-seven firms, owning 455,000 of these spindles, received permission to restart and further 95,000 spindles remain idle because the mills are still requisitioned by the Government.

The first annual report of the Cotton Dealers Association reveals these facts and estimates that 30 firms controlling 888,000 spindles, which reopened by March 1, are only operating at 51 per cent capacity. The Association represents units controlling 5,500,000 spindles.

ARSON AND MURDER IN MANY FRONTIER TOWN

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the House met to-day after a recess of two weeks.

Suggesting that it be taken up later for discussion and not to-day, the Chief Minister, Mr. H S. Suhrawardy said that Government had already asked for an enquiry into the matter to find out the truth. That enquiry was not concluded and they expected a report by Monday next.

The Speaker accordingly fixed Tuesday, for the discussion.

Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, who is now in Kurseong, has telegraphed to the Chief Minister of Bengal, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, stating that he has been "staggered" at the report of 'atrocities' by some Punjab policemen in a house on Harrison Road, Calcutta on Monday last.

Mr. Bose adds in his telegram: "Please direct an independent enquiry and trial of the policemen against whom a 'prima facie' case is made Pending enquiry and to restore confidence in the minds of Calcutta citizens, Punjab policemen should be withdrawn from duty."

WOMEN'S DEPUTATION

A deputation of 16 members of the All-India Women's Conference, Calcutta branch, led by Dr. Mrs. Maitrey Bose, met the Chief Minister, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, in the Council Chamber to-day and discussed with him some of the incidents that had recently occurred in Calcutta, particularly the alleged policy excesses in Jogipara and Harrison Road.

The deputation urged the publication of official enquiry reports about the incident that occurred on Harrison Road. Failing this, they suggested the setting up of a public enquiry committee to go into the matter.

The Chief Minister, it is stated, told them that he realised the seriousness of the allegations.

S.O.S. TO VICEROY

In a telegram to H. E. the Viceroy, the President of the Indian Association, Mr. P. N. Banerjee, says that the Chief Minister is minimising the gravity of the situation revealed by the incident at Harrison Road and other occurrences. He implores the Viceroy's immediate intervention and says that Bengal cannot be saved from chaos and anarchy unless the present Ministry is removed and two Regional Ministries are installed. Otherwise Sec. 93 should be applied immediately to the Province preparatory to the formation of a separate autonomous province in West and North Bengal.

23-HOUR CURFEW

Following an incident which occurred this morning in which a bomb is reported to have been thrown, killing one and injuring two persons, 23 1/2 hours' curfew commencing from 7-30 this morning has been imposed on some areas in Howrah police station jurisdiction.

As a result of another incident which occurred last night in Golabari police station area of Howrah, 23-hour curfew ending at 7 to-morrow morning has been imposed on some areas there.

In Calcutta, curfew has been extended for another week, till April 26, in those areas where it is now in force.

4 STABBINGS AND 24-HOUR CURFEW IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, April 18 (API): Following four stabbing cases in different parts of the city on Thursday night, the District Magistrate, Delhi, has ordered that the curfew hours in all parts of the city will be from 8 p.m. till 5 a.m. with effect from to-day.

The District Magistrate has also imposed a 24-hour curfew from 3 p.m. to-day to 3 p.m. to-morrow in two localities in the city.

AMRITSAR, April 18 (API): Four persons were killed this afternoon when a bomb exploded with a terrific noise in Kucha Fathbadian near Chaus Bata Atal Sahib in the vicinity of the Golden Temple.

DESHPANDE RELEASED ON BAIL

LAHORE, April 18 (API): Mr. V. G Deshpande, Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, was ordered to be released on a bail of Rs. 5 000 by the Additional Session Judge, Lahore, today.

Mr. Deshpande was sentenced on Wednesday last to six months' R.I. by a special magistrate on a charge of defying the Punjab Government's order directing him to quit the Punjab

DACCA STUDENTS DEMAND DESHPANDE'S RELEASE

DACCA, April 17 (API): Hindu students of many educational institutions came out of their classes to-day as a protest against the conviction of Mr V. G. Deshpande, General Secretary All-India Hindu Mahasabha, in the Punjab and paraded the streets in procession. They held a meeting at Victoria Park and passed a resolution demanding Mr. Deshpande's release.

STRAY ASSAULTS IN AGRA

AGRA, April 18 (API): Stray knife-assaults are still reported here, though the authorities are enforcing strict measures.

Curfew was reimposed from 6 p.m. yesterday to 3 p.m. to-day and fines have been imposed in the localities where stabbings were reported.

D. F. Karaka:

Off My Chest

In my column yesterday. just in case it did not make sense to you, the word "harem was a printer's error for the word "haven". Perhaps it is the same thing. I don't know. In any case, please do not write a letter to the editor about it because ours is a national paper of very high standing and we are concerned with much bigger things than printer's mistakes.

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The appointment of the Honourable Mr. Justice Chagla to the Vice-Chancellorship of the Bombay University is a matter of no small importance. The usual personal congratulations have been showered upon him but the importance of Mr. Chagla's appointment is in the effect his personality will have on the young men of this generation who will be studying at the University during his tenure of office.

Mr. Chagla combines in his personality both balance and initiative, a rare quality in India today We usually have the one without the other.

If Mr Chagla succeeds in turning out fine grown up men out of the University of Bombay, this province will be the richer for his Vice-Chancellorship.

There is need in this University for an atmosphere of study which has often been found wanting There is need for creating opportunities for our young men and women at the universities to be able to listen to first class speeches (not lectures) on matters of general interest which student bodies are unable to arrange.

In the absence in this university of a student body with the prestige of the Oxford and the Cambridge Unions, the university should create a very small committee made up of a high university official (probably the Vice-Chancellor if he could spare the time), two enlightened men in public life (preferably not too old) and two students elected from the student bodies, by the students themselves. It would be the function of this committee to invite on behalf of the university about six speakers to address the students in the Senate Hall itself. Gradually these meetings could be turned into debates in which students themselves along with public speakers, could take part. You would, thereby train our young men how to speak, how to conduct themselves in parliamentary debate. All this as our new Vice-Chancellor obviously realises, is education of the very best kind. It will produce the type of young men we will need in the free India of 1948, and the years to come.

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For failure to declare Stocks of Hard Coke the Pioneer Chromate Works, Ltd., Bombay; S. S. Lalkaka, Chairman, Purshotamdas Popatlal, Managing Director, Manubhai Purshotamdas; M. S. Chudgar and Percy R. Vakil Directors, have been convicted and fined Rs. 25/- each.

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Living Death

The immured monks of Tibet who spend years and years in their cells away from the sight of sun and man.

Prisoner—President

A pen-portrait of the valiant Sheikh Abdullah who though a prisoner of the Dogra King has been elected President of the A.-I. S. P. C. now in session.

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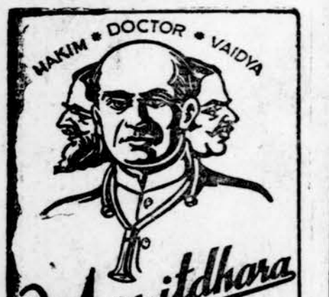

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CURRENT PHOTOPLAYS

Several New Pictures This Week

Novelty

KRISHAN CHANDER STORY

Yesterday afternoon was held the premiere of National Studios' **SARAI KE BAHAR.**

Krishan Chander, several of whose stories provided the basis for the plot of "Dhartike Lal", has performed the triple task of writing the script as well as producing and directing the picture.

The synopsis reveals a somewhat involved story, the setting for which is a 'sarai' or an inn situated between two little kingdoms. A poet, personifying the escapists of the world, watches, helplessly, a beggar girl, Minni, becoming the victim of a Jagirdar. Later, the poet himself falls in love with a princess who, in her turn, is being pursued by a villainous prince. Minni then takes a hand, and what follows is supposed to provide the climax.

Sabita Devi heads a cast composed of, for the most part, unknown names.

Lyrics: Niaz Haider and Vishvamitra Adil. Music: D. C. Dutt.

For lovers of melodrama.

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Super And Majestic

MEHBOOB PRODUCTION

It is surprising how indifferent film makers are to furnishing proper publicity material for the films they release with such fanfare.

Advance reports of **ANMOL GHADI**, released only yesterday, tell little about the film apart from mentioning Mehboob as its director, Nurjehan, Surendra and Suraiya as the singing stars, and Naushad as music director with Tanvir Naqvi and Anjun as lyricists.

The picture is described by its makers as "a musical hit." Take a clue from this, if and as you please.

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Roxy

ANOTHER APTE MYTHOLOGICAL

Shanta Apte and mythological garb seem to go together. Here, once again, she is heavily be-jewelled and paper-crowned. Opposite her is Ashok Kumar as her warrior lover who is killed soon after their marriage.

As Uttara, Shanta Apte performs several dances. Karnatak music provides the accompaniment, thanks to composer Tripati. The picture has been directed by Sarvottam Badami.

—For the romantic and Mahabharath fans.

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Minerva

TALE OF TWO FAMILIES

No less than four new pictures were released simultaneously yesterday, with the usual lack of foresight and co-operation on the part of our film people. How do they expect critics to attend their opening shows if these are all in a row on the same day and at the same time?

Mazhar Arts' **PEHLI NAZAR** was amongst the films released together. It tells the story of a family feud reminiscent of the Montague and Capulet hostility in "Romeo and Juliet." Shaida and Husna, the daughters of two brothers whose families live perpetually at logger-heads with one another, become rivals for the affection of one Mushtaq who adores Husna. But Shaida's father has meant his daughter for Mushtaq. To prevent a feud, Husna takes poison in an attempt to do away with herself. The denouement can well be imagined.

Munawar Sultana plays Husna, Veena has been cast as Shaida, while Baburao Pendharkar and Nemo play the heads of the rival houses.

Old-fashioned melodrama.

Shanta Apte in Prabhakar's "Valmiki" at the Swastik.

HAMARA SCREEN

By "SARDI"

Sabita Devi—star of Krishan Chander's "Sari ke Bahar"

CONVERTING NEWS REELS INTO FEATURE-LENGTH DOCUMENTARIES

"Netaji Bose" Opens New Pastures

By "Sardi"

Yesterday afternoon at 3-30 p.m. PREMIER KHER inaugurated the All-India premiere of NETAJI BOSE at the EROS. The picture was released, simultaneously, at the CENTRAL.

Here is a novel sort of screen biography. Without the frills and furbelows of fictionisation, without undue dramatisation such as we have seen in the filmised biographies of such men as PASTEUR and ZOLA, the present photoplay presents facts as they occurred and were caught by the news camera at the time of their occurrence, with no actors but real-life personalities striding the screen.

RECORD OF CAREER

SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, the idol of millions of our countrymen and the spirit behind the now famed Indian National Army, has been vividly resurrected in a series of news reels cleverly strung together chronologically. Beginning with the Haripura Session of the Indian National Congress, when Bose first assumed the leadership of the I.N.C., the film covers a vast span, spotlighting the leader's activities at Tripuri and Ramgarh, the birth of the Forward Bloc, the sudden and dramatic disappearance of Netaji while under police escort at Calcutta, his adventurous sojourn in the war-time Germany where he first conceived and planned the I.N.A., and finally, his doings in Japan where he united [illegible]ans of varying castes and creeds into a solid block that fought gallantly for the freedom of its Motherland.

I have no doubt whatever that this interesting documentary will draw the crowds to both the picture-houses where it will be showing.

VISUAL HISTORY

I wrote, last week, about the need for providing educational pictures for the public. "Netaji Bose" may be cited as a fine example that fulfils this need. For it is, actually, visual history far more interesting than the dry-as-dust tomes school and college students are forced to peruse. It opens up many avenues for intrepid film makers, who, in addition to commercial gain, also dream of some form of service to Society.

What service could be better than presenting factual pictorial "history" to the public? Reams have been written about our different national leaders, most of the accounts being, naturally, tinctured with the writer's bias for or against the subject of his biography. But how much more interesting, truthful and unprejudiced could news shots be if strung together as in the present instance, and accompanied by an explanatory commentary. Such pieced-together films, chronologically edited, would serve as fine biographies for the library of the Nation, teaching posterity history in a far more acceptable and believable form than at present. Thus should the careers of Gandhiji, Nehru and other politicians be perpetuated in visual garb.

FACTS—NOT PROPAGANDA

Nor do I see any reason why this kind of film should be limited to politicians alone. Our newsreel-men should try their utmost to present to us activities of men in other spheres of life—scientists, architects, artists, etc.

A word about the commentaries that accompany such documentaries. They should, I feel, be merely explanatory and not take sides with any party or person, for that would mean distorting facts and converting them into propaganda.

"Netaji Bose" indeed opens up new pastures which, I hope, our producers will not neglect.

Subhas Chandra Bose.

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Churchill Warns Britain Against Further Appeasement Of Russia

CALLS WALLACE "CRYPTO-COMMUNIST"

LONDON, April 18, (A.P.A.): Mr. Winston Churchill warned Britain today against "appeasement" of Russia and called for continued close collaboration with the United States in foreign affairs.

Speaking to a rally of 10,000 Conservative party members in the Albert Hall, the former Prime Minister declared:

"Today our policy towards Russia must be one of honourable friendship through strength. It must not be cowardly appeasement through weakness".

"It must be made absolutely clear". Mr. Churchill added, "that we shall allow no wedge to be driven between Great Britain and the United States".

"CRYPTO-COMMUNIST"

Mr. Churchill, his entire speech highly critical of Britain's Labour Government, launched into an attack on the former United States Vice-President, Henry Wallace, whom he called a "crypto-communist".

The object of Mr. Wallace's speaking tour of Great Britain, Mr. Churchill declared, "has been to separate Great Britain from the United States and to weave her into a vast system of Communist intrigue which radiates from Moscow".

Amid laughter, Mr. Churchill explained his "crypto-communist" designation of Wallace.

"A crypto-communist", he declared, "is one who has not got the courage to explain the destination for which he is making".

"Our country is being driven into ruin", he continued, "and our empire is being scattered and squandered."

"We are falling fast in the estimation of the world. What plans can we make? By what steps can we raise ourselves again? We are sure that if we try we can do so—raise ourselves again to the glorious level which we reached and held only a few years ago".

"I have no patience", Mr. Churchill said, "with Englishmen who use the hospitality of a friendly nation to decry their own".

Again referring to Russia, he declared, "We earnestly hope that all the peoples of Russia may be safe, prosperous and happy under whatever form of Government they choose. We wish them well. We will welcome every possibility of increasing any intercourse between our countries in order to give each of us a better understanding of the other".

"LIVING ON U. S. DOLE"

Speaking of Anglo-American co-operation, Mr. Churchill warned against "any course which would impair the growing unity in thought, in action, in ideals and purposes, of all the English-speaking nations spread so widely about the globe and joined together by history and by destiny".

Churchill accused the Socialist Government of "lack of moral courage" and declared, "The Socialist Government is living upon the American dole and squandering with profligate rapidity this loan, which can only be justified as a means of re-equipping our industries after the war".

Referring to Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Dalton's balanced budget for the new fiscal year, the former Prime Minister declared: "If any private company were to present its balance sheet by such or similar methods they would find themselves against the criminal law".

U. P. Scheduled Caste Leader Arrested

LUCKNOW, April 17. (A.P.I.): Mr. Tilak Chand President, U. P. Scheduled Caste Federation and dictator U. P. Scheduled Caste Satyagraha Committee was arrested late to-night from his camp office at Ahiyaganj.

Windfall For Russia

FRANKFURT, April 17 (IPA): It is reported that a new source of uranium was discovered by the Russians in the hilly country south of Chemnitz in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The Russians have thrown an armed cordon 15 to 20 square miles around Schneeberg and Oberschlema.

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS

Forecast till Sunday morning:—Rainfall will continue widespread in Gujarat and Jhalwad division of Kathiawar. There will also be local rain in Gohelwad, the north Konkanpatti, Khandesh, north Mawal and the districts of Ahmednagar and Aurangabad and a few showers in Bombay Karnatak, the Deccan, south Mawal, Marathwada, Hyderabad Karnatak and south Konkanpatti. Gale and heavy rain are likely in the districts of Rawakantha, Cambay and Baroda and in the districts of Ahmedabad, Kaira and Broach. Gales ade also likely in Gohelwad and north Surat districts.

Outlook for further 2 days:—Winds will abate and weather will be generally dry in Gujarat and Kathiawar after Sunday morning.

Libraries In Bombay Province

Mr. R. P. Karwe, Curator of Libraries, Bombay, requests all libraries, which cater to the general public of the locality either at the district or at the Taluka or Peta headquarters in the different districts of the province of Bombay, to communicate to him detailed information regarding the libraries. The information is required to keep the things ready for future action in the matter as it is likely that Government may decide to sponsor the library movement to the District as well as Taluka or Peta headquarters during the course of the current official financial year by giving them some financial assistance as well as some Government publications free of charge. The information in question should be addressed to: Mr. R. P. Karwe, Curator of Libraries, South Wing, Town Hall, Elphinstone Circle, Fort, Bombay.

U. S. Treasury Gives Facilities To Silver Dealers

NEW YORK, April 16 (Reuter):—The United States Treasury has announced a new permanent arrangement whereby silver dealers working on the "necessary inventory" basis will have 45 days instead of 15 days to replace into the inventory such sales as has been made out of the inventory and which remain not subject to the 50 per cent tax on profits from silver sales.

This means that dealers will now have 45 days in which to effect profits on silver sales by losses from other sales or alternatively repurchases silver, which was earlier sold from the inventories.

Royal Mint Consumes 14,296,246 Ounces Fine Silver

LONDON, April 17. (U.P.A.): The Royal Mint last year consumed 14,296,246 ounces of fine silver in minting Britain's subsidiary coinage: The sterling value of last year's silver coinage was 7,085,060 pounds sterling. This ends the long reign of the Royal Mint by silver.

Beginning January 1st this year, no more silver is used for United Kingdom currency though occasional orders for minting Empire subsidiary coinage is expected to call for small purchases of silver bullion.

The total number of coins struck last year, including bronze and copper, was 253,868,597 which marked a big decline from 306,800,385 in 1945.

WEEKLY IMPORT OF GOLD INTO INDIA.

WASHINGTON, April 16, (Reuter): The Department of Commerce reports that the export of refined gold bullion to India during the week ended March 26 amounted to 15,456, troy ounces out of the total export of 464,985 troy ounces.

POST-WAR SALES OF JAP. TEXTILES.

TOKYO, April 17, (Reuter): The first post-war sales of Japanese cotton fabrics to the United Kingdom, Burma, Turkey and other British administered areas totalled approximately 140,000,000 linear yards, it was announced by the foreign trade division of the Supreme Command of the Allied Powers.

LABOUR MINISTERS CONFER AT DELHI

Second Provincial Labour Ministers' Conference opened at New Delhi on April 16. Photo shows: (Left to right) Mr. S. Lalla, Secretary, Labour Department; the Hon. Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Minister for Labour; Mr. Srivastava, Deputy Secretary, Labour Department; Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmed (Bengal); Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda (Bombay); Dr. T. S. S. Rajan (Madras); Ms. N. Kanungo (Orissa) and Ms. Kashav Dev Malaviya (U.P.)

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IMPROVED BUYING HARDENS COTTON PRICES

High Court Decision Upsets Bullion Market

BOMBAY, April 18.

The Bombay Stock Exchange ruled steady today with moderate support. During the middle of the session there was some realising which was well absorbed and the market maintained upward tendency on renewed buying and short covering. Outside business remains very restricted and it is generally believed that restrictions on jobbing will be removed in the near future.

Tata Steel Dfd. shares opened at Rs. 2,162|8 and improved at Rs. 2,170 but declined at Rs. 2,152|8 under realising. At this level there appeared renewed support and Dfds. hardened at Rs. 2,175. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 395 and after touching Rs. 394 firmed up at Rs. 401. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1110 and after declining at Rs. 1,105 improved at Rs. 1,115 Kohinoors opened at Rs. 600 and steadily moved up at Rs. 608 with occasional realising. Simplex shares opened at Rs. 305 and improved at Rs. 309. Swadeshi shares opened at Rs. 588 but declined at Rs. 582. At this level there appeared better support and gained at Rs. 593. Scindia shares were steady at Rs. 33|10 while Central Bank recorded further improvement at Rs. 105 after opening at Rs. 102|8. Tone of the market was steady.

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STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord. 399 Tata Steel Defd. 2160 Second Pref. 170.

CEMENT

Associated Merger 179/8.

INDUSTRIES

Burma 467/8 Bellapur 252 Shivrajpur 37/8 Scindia 33/2 P. Construction 206 Tata Chemical 16/12 Tata Oil 86 Indian Iron 35/10 Bengal Steel 27/10.

ELECTRIC SHARES.

Tram Ordinary 112 Tata Hydro 175 Andhra 1555 Tata Power 1670.

MILLS (CASH).

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ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH).

Ahmedabad 157/8 (New) 120 Surat (Ord.) 243/12 New Pre. 211/4 Karachi 240 Broach 13 Ajmer 13/8 Amalgamated 20/4 Jalgaon 14/12 Nagpur 58 Poona 260 Bombay Suburban 202/8 Bombay Suburban (New) 164/10.

BANK SHARES.

Reserve 121 Imperial 2275 P. P. 575 Central X. R. 105 India X. D. 225/8. Union X. D. 11/14 Baroda 158/8 Habib 168 Dena Bank 70 United Commercial 79 Jaipur 62 Bikaner 31 Hindustan Com. 49 National Savings (fully) paid 82 Mysore 460 Exchange (Ord.) 52 Eastern 196 Bombay Provincial 85.

INSURANCE.

Oriental 6300 Empire 975 New India 85 Jupiter 34 Vulcan 15/14 Indian Mercantile 61 Universal Fire 18 Vasant 22/4 British India General 23 Industrial Prudential 45 Neptune 13/6 New Great 43 All-India General 40/4.

RAILWAYS.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 505 Steamer 572/8 Burma New 167/8 Burma Petrol 3/7/9 Mackenzie 185 Port Canning 84 Kemp 575 Zandu Pharmacy 202/8 Indian Radio (Ord.) 377 Indian Radio B. 375 Indian Radio 362/8 Indian Investment Trust 107 Wimco X. R. 256/4 Dharamsey Chemical 30 Mukund Iron 14/12 Dena Trust 25 Alembic 355 Supreme India 228 Jamwire 141/8. Bombay Uganda 85 Bombay Motor Cycle 43/8 India Cement 42 Walchand Nagar Industries 325 United Motor 70 A. C. C. New 66.

PREFERENCE SHARES.

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 235 Tram 52/8 Andhra Valley 1380 Tata Power 1425 Hydro 143/ 2 Bombay Steamer 348/12 Nagpur 702/8 Swadeshi 150 Vishnu 805 Laxmi 506/4 New Great 268/12 Poddar 116 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 130 Bradbury 553/12 Surat Elec. 211/4 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 120 (2nd Pref.) 122/8 Amalgamated 156/4 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 122/8 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 19/12 Supreme 107.

OUTSIDE SHARES.

Indian Copper 3/9 B. I. C. 9/8 Burma Corporation 4/10 New Victoria 6/3 New Victoria Preference 7/8 Raja 29/8 Phalton 125 Gold Mohar 345

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, April 18.

MILLS.

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Bradbury 595
C. India 284 88 87 88/8 85/8 86 83
Colaba 250 57
E. Textiles 735 20 25 17/8
Elphinstone (Ord.) 92
Finlay 309 10 8 14 9
Gokak 299 98 301 298
I. U. (Defd.) 3/4 3/5 3/4 3/4/6
I. U. (Ord.) 15/13 15/15 15/11
Indore 592/8 96/4 92/8 600 598/12 96/4
Khatau 303/12 (ex. div.)
Kohinoor 600 597 602 599 602 1 10 6 7 3 5
Laxmi 1735 70 60
Madhusudan 290
Meyer 238/12 35
Morarji 610
New Great 357 67 60
Podar 340 37/8 40
Sassoon Silk 83
Simplex 305 7 4 12 9 10 8
Swadeshi 588 82 600 595 97 94 96 95
Swan 372 75
Tata Mills 98/8 99 98/8 99/8 99
Vishnu 695

BANKS.

Baroda 157 58/8
Central 102/8 5/8 4 5 4/8 5
Exchange 52
Imperial (Old) 2260 60 80 75
Imperial (New) 575
India 224 36/8 25/8
Reserve 120 21
Union 11/14
U. Commercial 78/8 79

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 158/12 57/8
Andhra Valley 1557/8 55
B. Tram (Ord.) 111 11/8 10/8 12
B. Tram (Pref.) 52/4 52/8
Hydro 176 75
Power 1660 70

INSURANCE.

B. I. General 23
Jupiter 34
New India 85/8 86 85

STEAMER.

B. Steam 570 72/8
Scindhia 33/5 33/8 33/4 33/10 33/3 33/4 33 33/2

STEEL.

B. Steel 28/8 27/14 28/4 27/10
I. Iron 36/4 36/7 35/12 36/2 35/10
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Tata (Ord.) 395 94 403 399
Tata (IInd Pref.) 170 69 70

MISCELLANEOUS.

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A. C. C. (Old) 181 81/8 79/8 82/8 79 79/8
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B. B. (Old) 472/8 65 72/8 67/8 68/12 67/8
B. B. (New) 167/8
B. B. Petrol 3/12 3/10/6 3/11/3 3/10/9
Dharamsey Chemical 35
I. Bleaching 160 58
I. I. Trust 107
P. Construction 200 4 3 10 6
Shivrajpur 36/8 38 37/8
Tata Chemical 16/12 16/8 16/14 16/10 16/14 16/12
Tata Oil 83 86 85/8 87 85 86
Wimco 255 57/8 55 56/4
Coorla Mills 300

New Kaiser-i-Hind 470 Sajjan 335 Osmanshahi 315 Ajamshahi 285 Air Services 17 Air India 175 Birla Motor 8/3 Marshal 8.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, April 18.

Tata Ordinary 399; Tata Deferred 2160; Indian Iron 35-10; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 27-10; Bombay Dyeing 1107-8; Central India 283-2; Gokak 298-2; Kohinoor 605; Simplex 308; Swadeshi 595; Tata Power 1670; Associated Cement 179-8; Belapur 251-14; Bombay Burma (Old) 467-8; Scindia 33-2; Central Bank 105; New India 85; Tata 2nd Pref. 170.

SCHEDULED BANKS' POSITION

Following is a statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 11th April, 1947:—

	Rs.
Demand Liabilities in India	682,67,68,000
Time Liabilities in India	348,71,28,000
Cash in India:	
(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	36,87,78,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	2,26,49,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	66,02,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	86,91,63,000
Advances in India	458,16,75,000
Bills discounted in India	20,87,42,000

HAPUR MARKET.

HAPUR, April 17.

Silver Ready 169/8, Forward 163/14, Opened 165/4, Highest 167/11, Lowest 165/10, Rose earlier on huge speculative buying but bushed on report of some import possibilities. Gold touched 101/8, Steady. Mustardseed Ready 18, Jeth 17/15/3, Opened 18/2, Lowest 19/12/9, Big bearish on for speculative support, Arhar Ready 10/8, Jeth 10/7/6, Touched 10/9, Quiet Matra 10/8, Jeth 10/6/6, Quieter 12/4, Shakkar 12-8, Bardana Asar 67/8, Asaj 67, Oats 10, Jeth 10, Quiet other markets unchanged.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, April 18.

The Bullion market is unable to take any definite tendency pending the decision of the High Court. Yesterday there was heavy short covering but today there was absence of demand for Vaishakh delivery. In the meantime Bulls have managed to rail out large quantities of silver to interior markets. The decision of the court will have considerable effect on the market as business done above fixed ceiling prices will be directly affected as the emergency was confirmed by the merchants Committee and the general body while the removal was done by the Board.

There was increased selling in Vaishakh silver which was quoted at Rs. 165 and ready silver was placed at Rs. 170/8 Vaishakh gold was quoted at Rs. 105/14 and ready gold was placed at Rs. 106/4.

Later on it was rumoured in the market that the High Court Judgment was against the decision of the Board, and that an appeal is lodged which will be heard on the 26th June Some traders say that emergency will continue upto June 20. but nothing is officially known. Trading was virtually stopped except scattered business in Vaishakh silver at Rs. 165/8 and Vaishakh gold at Rs. 105/8.

Later on Vaishakh Silver declined at Rs. 162 and rallied at Rs. 162/12. Vaishakh Gold also declined at Rs. 104/8 and steadied at Rs. 105/1. Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	168	12	0
Vaishakh Silver	163	0	0
Ready Gold	106	9	0
Vaishakh Gold	105	1	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, April 18.

The cotton market was quietly steady today under routine business. It appears that traders are not prepared to increase their risks pending further developments. Cotton prices are cheap and while Government has fixed both floor and ceiling prices, more cotton is passing into Government hands even the present low prices which clearly indicates that circumstances are against any marked improvement in prices.

July delivery opened today at Rs. 435/4 and advanced at Rs. 436 under moderate buying. Later on there was followup on the buying side and the market reacted at Rs. 435/8. September business was done at Rs. 443/4.

Thereafter there was scattered selling and July delivery was quoted at Rs. 435/4 and September business was done at Rs. 442/12

Towards the close there was increased buying and July advanced at Rs. 437/-. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. July	436	10	0
I.C.C. Sept.	444	4	0

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, April 17.

July	437-1/2	434-3/4	435-1/8
Sept.	444-3/4	442	442-3/8
Karachi 4F. July	45/14/9	45/11/8	45/12/6

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton July Contract is 1623 cent points below New York July at Exchange rate 331

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, April 18.

The produce market firmed up today on active short covering on reports of further export business in oil. The market was also oversold is now improving naturally,

Groundnuts Khandesh quality were done at Rs. 30, Coromandal quality was placed at Rs. 29/4 and Bold were placed at Rs. 28/8, Groundnut oil ready Bombay Mills was quoted at Rs. 18, April delivery business was done at Rs. 17/6 and May delivery was done at Rs. 17/10.

Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 127 and advanced at Rs. 129/10 on active short covering. Ready Railway receipts were done at Rs. 28/8 and Cawnpore Bold were quoted at Rs. 27, Castorseeds oil was quoted at Rs. 18/4.

Linseed ready business was reported at Rs. 26 May delivery opened at Rs. 25/3 and improved at Rs. 25/12. Linseed oil was quoted at Rs. 18/6.

Later on there was some realising and May delivery Castorseeds were placed at Rs. 128/4 and April-May Linseed was done at Rs. 25/7.

CALICUT MARKET.

CALICUT, April 18.

Coiryarn Beypore 190/200, Quilandy 210/22, Fibre Garbled 167/8, Ungarbled 162/8, Cocoanuts Raw 115, Dry 120, Cocoanut Oil 440, Copra Office 282/8, Dilpasand 290, Madrasnottam 315, Pepper Wynaad 565, Country 550, Dry Ginger Chernad 275, Ernad 260, Coffee Robusta 86, Timber Pali 52/8, Jungle-wood 27/8/30, Vellapine 40/47/8, Benteak 50/55, Teak 70/90, Mango Planks 3/3/8, Teak 14/18, Rosewood 14/18.

BRITAIN'S FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY

LONDON April 18.

The burden of debts incurred by Britain during the war, particularly in India, Egypt and the Middle East is referred to by the influential "Times" today as a financial difficulty of major importance.

"These debts remain unfounded" says the "Times" and give rise to claims for British exports in enormous quantities for which there would be no import return.

Wall Street Market Barely Steady

N. Y. COTTON PRICES 6 TO 18 POINTS HIGHER

NEW YORK, April 17.

Buyers' cautiousness resulted in considerable irregularity and price changes were mixed mostly covering on point with declines badly predomination around noon in slow trading. Some good first quarter reports were issued but main attention was focussed on prices, wages and the uncertain labour situation. Favoured issues included leading rails, oils, meatpackings and rubber while minings, steels, aviations department stores and chemicals sagged. The averages were Industrials 168.75 and rails 44.78. Slightly better interest particularly in leading motors, tobaccos, steels, utilities and dail equipments gave the market an improved tone during the afternoon and prices showed gains of fractions to one point in quit dealings. American telephone which has been acting fairly well in spite of the current strike difficulties received new attention with reports that one large union involved is now willing to have the original wage demand. Failure of the trading volume to show much expansion on advances was disappointing and continues to reflect cautiousness of numerous traders pending further economic developments pressure against numerous industrials, rails wetstocks and specialities increased some what in late dealings and succeeded in shifting the pendulum in favour of majority declines. The market closed berely steady.

Amedican Telephone & Tele-	
Amerex Holding Co.	164
Anaconda Copper Mining.	29
Chase National Bank	36-5/8
Sinclair Oil.	mutilattd
Firestone & Tyre & Rubber Co.	15-1/8
General Electric Co.	53
General Motors.	34-3/8
Ingersol Rand.	55-3/8
International Nickel.	115
National City Bank of New York	31
New York Central Rail Road Co.	mutilated
Socony Vaccum Corporation	15-1/4
Texas Corporation	mutilated
Union Carbon & Carbide	mutilated
U.S. Smelting Refining Mining Co,	96
U.S. Steel Corporation common	mutilated
Western Union Telegraph.	mutilated
	18-5/8

COTTON RULES STEADY

Cotton opened very steady 15 to 8 points higher on overnight accumulation of mill buying of nearmonths with March consumption figures rather better than expected. Commission houses supported newcrops, energised by the reported planting delays, but followup support again was indifferent and gradually reacted on incdeased profit-taking and hedges with more favourable turn in the weather for planting serving as a check for bullish suppositions concerning the new crop. The market steadied slightly on mild trade support and was virtually unchanged at noon. Prices gradually rallied under the leadership of near months reflecting mildly aggressive mill buying and covering was scarce. Although new crops managed to erase earlier losses they lagged. Possibly because of improvement in weatner and future general business uncertainties. The market closed very steady 18 to 2 points higher. Sales were estimated at 175,000 bales.

A New York cotton exchange seat was sold for 9,500 dollars which is down by three hundred from the sale on March 15th.

CHICAGO GRAINS

There was early firmness on buying by commercial interests against export flour sales and 20,86,000 bushels of maize to the commodity credit corporation yesterday which brings the agencie's total purchases of maize since re-entering the market on April 15 to about 4,250,000 bushels. The market later reached on increased profittaking and liquidation after the announcement that the Government agency withdrew from the maize market. Export flour sales included moderate quantities to France and Holland while India so far this week purchased approximately 200,000 sacks of 80 per cent extracted flour to be applied against India's June allocation of 12,000 tons.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, April 17.

May	34.97+15
May Highest	34.97+15
May Lowest	34.77—05
July	32.99+18
October	29.75+02
December	28.94+06
January	28.64+06
March	28.56+07
Middling Spot	35.57—

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, April 17.

May	34.83+12
July	32.85+11
October	29.69+04
December	28.84+06
March	28.47+02
Middling Spot	34.65+15

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago April 17.

May	2.59-1/4 to 2.59-3/4
July	2.20-3/4 to 2.21
September	2.14-3/4 to 2.15
December	2.12-1/4 to 2.12

LONDON BULLION.

London, April 17.

Silver Spot 46, Forward 46-1/4.
Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/12/3.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, April 17.

Australian Wheat (bulk) F. O. B. 103 April-May quoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, April 17.

	£
Consols 2-1.2 pc	95-3 8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 pc 1961	111
War Loan 3-1/2 pc 1952 and after	107
Funding Loan 4 pc 1960/90	117-1 8
Victory Bonds 4 pc	119-1/4
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	11-15/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	416-1/2
National Bank of India	35

NEW YORK SILVER.

New York, April 17.

U. S. price of Foreign Silver 76 cents.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 18.

B C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Months.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Months.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Months

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Months

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 to 4th Months.

London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Months.

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NEW YORK & MONTREAL RATES.

B. C Rate T.T. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 330.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs 329. Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 under L/C.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 328 3/4 Montreal Rs. 328 1/2 not under L/C.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 3550

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 3650

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. ——

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 84

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 157 1/4.

Burma Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 100 1/2.

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London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 13/16-1/3 3/32

London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/3 15/16-2/4 5/32.

London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 479.70-480.30

London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4

London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36.

London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 16.47-50

London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36

London/New York Cross Rate 94.02 3/4-4.03 1/4.

London/Montreal Cross Rate 94.02 3/4-4 03 1/4

London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70

London Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70.

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CALCUTTA April 18.

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COAL: Bharat 11/8

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WANTED LECTURER in Logic and Philosophy, and Lecturer in Economics including Statistics, for B.A. Salary Scale for Lecturer Rs. 150/- to Rs. 240/-. Apply Principal. (3153)

NOTICE

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FINANCIER with TWO LAKHS RUPEES wanted by a well-established Dyeing and Bleaching Factory, wishing to expand its existing business.

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BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

APPOINTMENT OF DRAFTSMEN

APPLICATIONS are invited for

One post of 1st grade Structural Draftsmen in the grade of Rs. 210-15-300, and

One post of 2nd grade Draftsmen in the grade of Rs. 65-5-100-8-180-10-200 with Efficiency Bar at Rs. 100.

The posts carry house allowance as admissible under the rules and war allowance equivalent to 17 1/2 per cent of pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 22 per month or as may be sanctioned from time to time.

Candidates for the post of 1st grade Draftsman should hold a Diploma in Civil Engineering from a recognised institute or have 15 years' Drawing Office experience in detailing of steel structures in a reputable firm of Structural Engineers or a Corporate Body.

Candidates for the post of 2nd grade Draftsman should have passed the Advanced Examination in Architecture from the J. J. School of Arts or should have passed an equivalent examination and have worked for at least 10 years in a firm of Engineers or Architects. Higher starting pay will be offered in the grade according to qualifications and experience.

The selected candidates will be required to produce certificate of physical fitness from the Medical Officer, Bombay Port Trust, and will be on **one year's probation** after which if found satisfactory, they will be eligible for confirmation in the respective appointment. The posts are subject to the usual Leave and Provident Fund rules for permanent employees of the Bombay Port Trust as amended from time to time.

Applications giving age, nationality and full particulars of qualifications and experience (with dates) and copies of testimonials, which will not be returned, should reach the office of the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay, not later than 3rd May, 1947, with the endorsement "Appointment of 1st grade Structural Draftsman" or "Appointment of 2nd grade Draftsman."

Any attempt to bring personal influence to bear upon the members of the Trustees will disqualify the candidate concerned.

CHIEF ENGINEER,
Bombay Port Trust.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay.
3001

NOTICE

FOR SALE LARGE quantities of greases, oils, lubricants, etc., of all descriptions. Graphite compounds, corrosion preventatives, hydraulic fluid, graphite, lubricating grease, graphite grease, high melting point grease, castor-oil, creosote, soluble cutting oil, lard oil, light medium and heavy lubricating oils, neatsfool oil, petrolatum, Intava and Mobiloil greases and oils. For catalogue and prices write quoting reference No 11|06B.514 to Tata Aircraft Ltd., Titaghur Air Depot, 24 Parganas, Bengal. Immediate delivery can be arranged.

Telephone No. Cal. 3081—87.
Grams: TATACRAFT TITAGHUR AIR DEPOT. (2884)

G.I.P. RLY—TENDERS

THE DY. GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G.I.P Railway, Bombay V.T will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 24-4-47 for the supply of Groundnut Oil at the Railway grainshops at Bombay, Kalyan, Thana, Dombivli Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office. 2996

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THE DY. GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops) G.I.P Railway Bombay V.T. will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 24-4-47 for the supply of Til oil at Shed No. 3 Wadi Bundar Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office. 3028

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Nagdevi X Lane, big property for sale with space for shop and two Godowns, vacant possession. Write with Phone No. Box No. 5584, "Bombay Chronicle."

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Asbestos Corrugated Sheets for Sale. Apply Box No. 5569, "Bombay Chronicle."

For Empty Glass Bulbs or Shells (viz. Ampoules, Syringes, Vaccine Phials and Shape Serum) for Injectiles—prompt and satisfactory services are guaranteed by: The Kalyani Glass Blowing Co., 24B, Mohan Bagan Row, Shambazar P.O. Calcutta—4. (5560)

PUBLIC NOTICES

DISPOSALS

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the purchase and removal of the following:—

STORES:—Government Saw Mills Equipment and Machinery (Without Buildings).

LOCATION:—Government Timber Depot, Sewree, Bombay.

SUPERSCRIBE TENDER REFERENCE NO:—RCS 50134/CPM.

DUE DATE:—By 4 P.M. on 28th April 1947, Public opening of tender on 29-4-1947 at 11 A.M.

EARNEST MONEY:—10% of the value quoted to be deposited in Imperial/Reserve Bank/Government Treasury in favour of Regional Commissioner of Disposals, Southern Circle, Bombay, under head of accounts "Revenue Deposit." The Deposit is refundable to unsuccessful tenders.

Permits to view the Saw Mill equipment and the stores can be obtained from this office.

The Saw Mills Equipment and Stores will be sold without any guarantee as to their condition or quantity and subject to the condition of contract con. 117.

Further particulars can be had from:—

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (Disposal),
Southern Circle, Mercantile Chambers.
Ballard Estate, Bombay. 3161

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PIG LEAD.

Tender closes on 8th May, 1947. For tender form, please apply: General Manager, Tata Power Co., Ltd., Bombay House, Fort, Bombay. 3151

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES.

Office of the Director of Supplies, Strand House, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay

THE DIRECTOR of Supplies invites Tender No. BOM/T/815 to reach him on or before 11 A.M. on 29/4/47 on forms (not transferable) obtainable from his office at Rs. 5/- (not refundable) per set to be paid in cash, by Money Order, or Indian Postal Order (quoting Tender Number, full name and address of the remitter), for:—

Description	Quantity
	Sq. Ft.
Plywood Grade I	1,10.000

Applicants not already on the approved list of this Department or the late Department of Supply must give their Banker's reference on applications for tender forms. Tender forms will not be issued to firms already blacklisted. 3145

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

THE UNDERSIGNED invites tenders from approved contractors of the C.P.W.D. for the work "Providing Temporary hangars at Santacruz (Construction of W.D. Hangar)" at an approximate estimated cost of Rs. 49,200/-.

Tenders will be received upto 12 noon on 23rd April 1947 and will be opened on the same day at 12-30 p. m.

Tender form can be purchased during office hours at the office of the undersigned at a cost of Rs. 3 4/- each. The conditions etc. will be found mentioned therein. No tender form will be sold on the date of opening tenders and the tenderers should not stipulate any special condition of their own.

I. S. CHOPRA,
Executive Engineer,
Bombay Aviation Division,
Commerce House, Ballard Estate, Bombay. (3147)

THE SARAF OIL MILLS COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 9th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Saraf Oil Mills Co., Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at 325, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay on FRIDAY, the 2nd day of May, 1947, at 4-15 p. m. (S.T.) to receive and adopt the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the report of the Directors and of the Auditors for the year ended on 31st December, 1946, to elect Directors in place of those retiring by rotation, to declare dividends on Ordinary and Preference Shares of the Company and to appoint Auditors for the next year.

Notice is also given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th April, 1947, to 2nd May, 1947, (both days inclusive).

By order of the Board,
Messrs. KISHANDUTT DWARKADAS,
Agents. (3146)

NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are called for the Staunching work of the Khambhala Tank for Porbandar Water Supply Project before 1st May, 1947. The work is estimated to cost about Rs. 4,00,000/-. Plans tender forms, conditions of contract, etc., can be had from the Dewan Saheb, Porbandar State, Porbandar (Kathiawar) on payment of Rs. 5/- each. Tenders must be accompanied with earnest money at one per cent of the tendered amount. (3012)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE UNION BANK OF INDIA LTD.

LOST OR MISLAID.

SHARE CERTIFICATES Nos. 28422 to 28423 for 10 Shares Nos. 279267 to 279276 of The Union Bank of India, Ltd. Standing in the name of Late Haridas Narotamdas are lost or mislaid. Anybody having any claim against them should intimate to the above Bank within one month from the date hereof after which the Bank will issue Duplicates.

(Sd.) DWARKADAS NAROTTAMDAS. (5594)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for temporary appointment in the post of Senior Surveyor in the Office of the Collector of Bombay in the grade of Rs. 120-15 2-180-10-250 + Conveyance Allowance of Rs. 35/- p.m. and the interim relief and the dearness allowance sanctioned by Government. Candidates must possess a degree in Civil Engineering from a recognized Engineering Institution or University and should preferably have practical experience in survey and valuation of properties. Applications with copies of the necessary proofs of educational qualifications should reach the undersigned not later than the 30th April, 1947.

Y. R. PARPIA,
Collector of Bombay.
Collector's Office,
Old Custom House, Fort,
Bombay, 16th April, 1947. (3148)

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

SEALED LUMP SUM TENDERS will be received by the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, at his office at Ballard Road, upto 1-0 P.M. (S.T.) on Friday the 2nd May 1947 for transporting Approx. 560 Brs. Sand to Messent Road and Approx. 90 Brs. Rubble to Bombay Port Trust Stone Crushers at Wadala from the premises of the Drum Brazing Factory of Messrs. Caltex (India) Ltd., at Sewri.

Conditions of contract, tender form etc., can be obtained at the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 3/- per set.

The tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 200/- as earnest money which will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderer.

CHIEF ENGINEER,
Bombay Port Trust.
Ballard Road,
Fort, Bombay. (3150)

BENGAL NAGPUR RAILWAY.
TENDER NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in General Manager's Office, Bengal Nagpur Railway, Kidderpure, Calcutta before 12 noon on 14th May, 1947.

TENDER NO. GM/10/47/433CS FOR HANDLES WOODEN.

Tender forms with full particulars can be had from the Office of the Controller of Stores, Bengal Nagpur Railway, Kidderpore, Calcutta on payment of Rs. 3/- per copy of the Cashier, Bengal Nagpur Railway, Kidderpore, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

Firm outside Calcutta, may, however, remit the amount to the Controller of Stores, direct by money order. No refund is permissible after payment

Sealed Tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the General Manager's Office and then put into the Tender Box outside the Deputy General Manager (Works) room by the Tenderer or his representative.

GENERAL MANAGER. (3152)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SULEMAN HAJI AHMED OOMER, of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant has contracted to sell to one of our clients the undermentioned property. Any person or persons having or making any claim against the said property or any portion thereof by way of sale mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lien or otherwise howsoever is or are requested to make the same known in writing to us at our Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Pension and Tax (redeemed) land or ground together with building standing thereon known as "Rukiya Villa" forming a... estate known as "Oomer Park" situate, lying and being on the Eastern side of Warden Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay containing by admeasurement 881 square yards or thereabouts and bearing Cadastral Survey No 4 596 of Malbar and Cumballa Hill Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Taxes under D Ward No. 3501(4), Street No. 95D and bounded as follows: that is to say on or towards the East by County Villa, on or towards the West by the property known as Gulshan Villa, on or towards the North by the property belonging to Bansilal Munkundlal and on or towards the South by 20 ft private passage.

Dated this 15th day of April, 1947.

MATUR... AMIETRAM & MADAN,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (3149)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr RATANCHAND HIRACHAND, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, who has agreed to purchase the undermentioned property from its present owners Bai Kesarbai, widow of Goculdas Jivraj and others has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 23, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of Pension and Tax Tenure (cess whereof has been redeemed) containing by admeasurement 2364 Sq Yards or thereabouts and forming a portion of larger plot of land admeasuring 4400 Sq. Yards situate, lying and being on the main Walkeshwar Road, together with half constructed masonry building three garages on the main road and servants quarters standing thereon and which whole piece or parcel of land is situate in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, bearing Collectors Old No. 310 and 672, New Nos. 2096 and 3020, Old Survey No. 13 and New Survey No. 2/7291 and Cadastral Survey No. 292 of Malabar and Cumballa Hill Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No 2510, 2510(2) and 2511 and Street Nos. 91 and 91A and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of late Sorabji Muncherji Dhunjibhai Readymoney, on or towards the West by the property of Panachand Jhaverchand and another, on or towards the North by the Walkeshwar Road and on or towards the South by the remaining property agreed to be sold to the Vendor.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1947
DIKSHIT MANEKLAL & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (3162)

NOTICE

LOST OR MISPLACED
THE PRAGA TOOLS CORPORATION LIMITED

Share Certificate No. 1023
FIFTEEN SHARES Nos. 49249 and 49263 of the Praga Tools Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad Deccan, have been lost or misplaced. Any claim in respect of these shares should be notified within one month to the Registered Office of the Praga Tools Corporation Ltd. at Hyderabad Deccan failing which the Company will issue duplicates

Dated 18th April, 1947.
MALVI RANCHORDAS & CO.,
Attorneys for Mangilal Jalani, Shareholder. 3165

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No 1810 of 1946

ABDUL MOSIN ALGO SAIBI ..... Plaintiff
versus
MAHOMED ABDUL AZIZ FAZLI .... Defendant

WHEREAS in pursuance of a warrant of sale of immovable property, dated the 15th day of March, 1947, the Sheriff has been directed to sell by Public Auction at the instance of plaintiff all the right, title and interest of defendant subject to the Indenture of Mortgage, dated the 13th March, 1946, and made between the defendant of the one part and one Nazir Ahmed Gulam Rashid of the other part in the following property:—

All that piece of land with dwelling house situate on the East side of Stable Street in Bombay, admeasuring two hundred and forty-five square yards or thereabouts and bearing the Collector's Old No 3185 New No. 10050, Old Survey No. 2176, New Survey Nos 6421, A 16421 and Cadastral Survey No 275 of Byculla Division and Municipal E Ward No 890 and Street No 201

Notice is hereby given to all persons having right in or charges or claims on the above report (other than claims involving an objection to the attachment or seeking the removal of the same) that they should on or before the 12th day of May 1947 lodge in my office an affidavit verified by oath or solemn affirmation of such rights, claims or charges.

Dated this 9th day of April, 1947.

(Sd.) A. KIRTIKAR,
Commissioner 3163

AUCTION SALES

SALE TO-MORROW SUNDAY, THE 20TH APRIL 1947 AT 4 P.M. OF THE PROPERTY AT GHODBUNDER ROAD, MALAD.

As previously advertised the sale of the above property will take place as stated above on the site of the property under instructions from Mr Dakurenath Gopinath Shroff the Receiver appointed in Suit No 1128 of 1944
SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO
123, Medows Street, Fort.

BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 A.M. Property of K. Rose Esqr and others, at Chowpatty seaface near Vianelli's Restaurant of complete household and office furniture, Mirror door steel almirah, safe, Singer machine, Rem. standard and Rem. port. typewriter, dining, writing and dressing table, chairs, show case, Chesterfield, almirah, bed Eng large ice box 1 1/4, H.P 1940 Mod Morris car (Sales Tax) T 40213. EASTERN AUCTION CO.

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